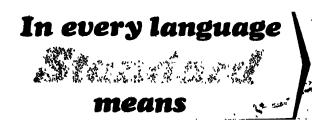
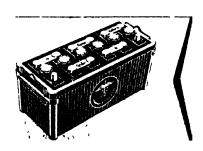


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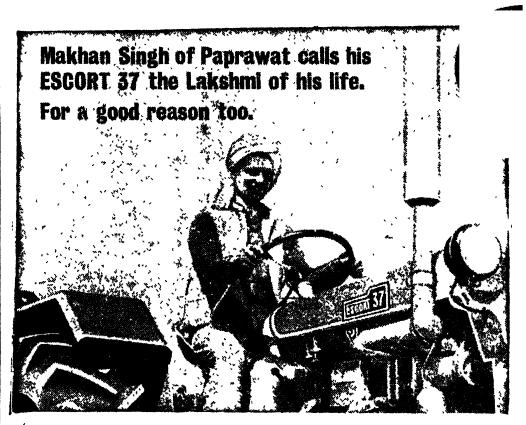
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FREE THINKING

THE moonshot will not bring Nixon the necessary prestige for a dignified withdrawal from Vietnam. He will try to extract the maximum publicity from the success of Apollo 11 for himself and his administration. But this derived glory will mean nothing for the people of Vietnam. They will see Nixon not through US mores, nor through the achievements of the astraumants but through the Theus, Kys and other puppets who pretend they are a government

Nixon's visit to India and Rumania are small excursions to see how much influence the US wields there vis-a-vis the Soviet Union. This exploration is necessary because Rumania has displayed a certain independent stand in her relations with the Soviet bloc and because India has been ambiguous about who is to fill the vacuum after the British withdrawal from their bases in 1972. Nixon will probably get no better results than his ambassadors have. But, he will certainly make use of the opportunity to make statements that will embarrass both India and Rumania.

But these are all irrelevant to the great problems of Vietnam and West Asia Neither the US nor the USSR will go to war for the sake of Israel or the Arab nations. It is Vietnam that is the crucial issue because the future of the largest land mass and the largest populations is involved here. It also brings a new dimension to the international balance of power because a settlement of Vietnam must be the prelude to a settlement with China. Otherwise all that happened so far has no significance.

But Nixon cannot go off the narrow path chalked out for him by his promoters. A return to the old days is already evident in the US. The Supreme Court has been occupied by someone who will play along with the President. The voting rights of Alabama Negros have been whittled down. The ABM ring, which will benefit only a few business houses, is in full swing despite opposition. The military-industrial complex has been given the green signal. It is just a matter of time before dissent will be suppressed.

What Nixon does to his own people is not purely an American affair. It is the concern of the world. If he is thinking of hotting up the cold war, we will all be involved in it. If a war-like US is trying to fill up the so-called power vacuum, India will not be free from the Nixon tentacles. His trip to India need not be taken too seriously just now but a time may well come when we are back at the old CIA—military coupcommunist-baiting—brinkmanship game that was blessed by the late John Foster Dulles. That will spell disaster for this nation and its people.

The Man of the Week



PLEASE TURN OVER FOR PEN PORTRAIT

The Man of the Week

JYOTI BASI'S problems spring from un ulcology that leaves him no choice between adventurism and on portunism. He and his close comrade-in-arms 1. M S Namboodnipad are learning that you cannot sit and dance at the same time. They were quite sure at one time that while they could make use of the apparatus of the govern-ment in their facour, the organisational using of the party would conduct agita tions against the bourgeois state They quickly realised this would bring them into the line of fire Since then the CP(M) is being encouraged to fight the other constituents of the united fronts. This has resulted in the near collapse of the government in Kerala and posed Basu with a num ber of prickly moblems

Bu himself Jyoti Basu would make an excellent Chief Minister Neat, tidy alert, articulate he is in sharp contrast to Congress politicians from West Bengal But he has a fatal flaw He is not a man of the masses and he does not have the necessary uthlessness to be an organi-The CP(M) sation man has to give the impression that then top men in states where they are ruling (Basu and EMS) are not exclusive party men, are not werking lass types, but acceptable to the large mass of electorates

All these compromises have reduced the credibility of the party as a revolutionary force It is as much committed to the parliamentary processand its limitations- is any other party This is a bitter pill for the uleologues to swallow and their wrath at rities from the CPI and the Naxalites is well understood But time is running out for yori Basu as it is for his party Sooner or later, the bulk of party members are going to ask why nothing keeps moving Meanwhile the pressures from by business, the Union government and other interests will grow to make the government as innecuous as P C Sens That uill be the moment of truth for Mr Jyoti Basu

Figures can lie

ANYONE who has acquired all wrong, and err on the side national income will come dow sufficient know-how, whether of modesty. A couple of years by several crores, and will prove statistics, which are seldom wrong in the light of another ever there had been set of facts and vice versa,

sand for the States and the Centre It can be proved to be wrong Bihar, we are told, has 318 M L As But when H P Singh claims the support of, say, 218, and Bhola Paswan Sastri simultaneously presents a list of 225 supporters, one can see the strength of the Bihar Legislature is anything above 443 (allowing for any stray undependent fish that escaped the signature net) Coing a little deeper, the figure of 218 itself can be seen to be an understatement, since while H P Singh claims a party following of 126, L N Jha's following is anything between 134 and 136, which puts up the figure of Congress supporters to 254. When the strength of the House is thus truly around 500, it follows (i) that the percentage of 100-odd Ministers in the House only works out to 20 and not 33 according to the official conservative estimate, and (n) the strength of Legislators throughout the country, arrived at on the principle of gathered from a hundre**d** 4,000 000 to arrive at authoriworld?

Similarly, by sample survey principles and methods our estimates of total national we can establish irrefutably income If we decide to go by

imported or indigenous, to add ago when there was acute food two and two to get four can shortage and consumers other see in a moment that something than rodents were brought is radically wrong with our under ration, the ration cards of a single town whose popucorrect and never reliable lation officially went round as Checks and cross-checks always 2 lakhs, showed more than 2.7 reveal one set of figures are lakh heads of people Whenoccasion et of facts and vice versa, to ration scarce commodities. Take the case of the figure like sugar, baby food or kerofor our Legislators (1 don't sene, this discrepancy has come mean then figures), which we to the forefront but, strangely are told are around five thou- enough, our Census Commissioners never cared to admit would only cover upto 78,5 their mistakes or revise their miles short of the Andamans figures This (i) that the total population of India, on a conservative estimate based on ration eards and sample survey methods cannot bricks would meet a watery be less than 65 to 70 crores, grave 785 miles away from the and (ii) the foreign aid we have been receiving could have been sizeably enhanced had we point, and my readers, if any cared to check on our population figures and revise the same

We don't of course allege that all figures are disputable The figure tor rodent popula- benefit considerably by such tion, or that of mosquitoes, revision in the field of foreign locusts, dragon-flies, wild-life aid-the most important field or miss-a-inval campaigners of post-Independence India may be all tairly accurate for where she raises her fine crops all we know, in the absence of of rosy expectations counter-checking data to verify them But if population figures as well as figures for membership of political bodies are grossly under-rated, figures for our per-capita and national income are scandalously over rated—no doubt to impress our foreign benefactors with our Great Leap Forward Incomesample survey (where the facts tax returns of any self-respecting individual or business firm persons are multiplied by will show how unwarrantedly exaggerated are the governtative all-India figures) must ment's assessments, and this be around 8000. Why belittle multiplied by the number of the biggest democracy in the such business firms or individuals will provide a rough idea of the extent of over-rating in our estimates of total national that the population figures are the figures of such returns, the

to our foreign friends how in adequate are the funds the grudgingly give to build u our economy.

Similar gross maccuracies can be traced in other figures com monly traded as irrefutable. A case of mischievous inaccurac came to light when I closely examined a claim that the bricks used up by a certain pro ject, if placed end to end, would cover the distance upto the Andamans I found out that it upto 78.5 also proves and the poor man who took the statistician at his word and started on a journey to the Andamans stepping on these Another example ... island but I think I have carried my are by now thoroughly convinced that all our statistical figures stand in urgent need of realistic revision, and that we stand to post-Independence India

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-Odd Signs--

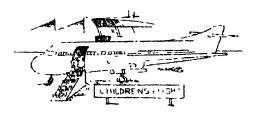
On the front lawn of a hospital in Tamil Nadu, during renovation work

Development programme-Hospital in surgery-be patient

At Amer Fort in Jaipur Hawkers and cycle stand are not allowed inside.

At a hotel in Kurnool town-Hot meals cold here.

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Smooth sailing, always



AICC-Bangalore

Press reports before

mmed to block Mr. Giri's nomi- gressman put it! nation. This was the impression many people gamed after yes- The other side terday's caucus meeting where Mr Patil, Mr Nijalingappa and others gave their unmeasured dhi has totally disappeared after thoughts on the subject. It was felt all round that a party candidate with a strong personality Reddy or some other as Presiwas needed as the President in dent. It is reliably learnt that fusion, at the AICC meeting should take over the banks. This the crucial days ahead.

said anything yet. But those ly ended in mutual shouting who claim to know her mind say that she is unwilling to have a compromise candidate Mr Morari Desar is unwilling to stand because he thinks that in the situation, however Some are toying with the idea of Mr

that the top Congress leaders will decide the name by lots

do we know which camp the elections in fair fight. The lead- nation of the middleman in agriperson who takes out the lot is eis, from whatever range of the culture. These people are evi-"The Syndicate seemed deter- in?" was how a veteran Con-political spectrum, cannot afford dently agents of those who want

"The challenge to Mrs. Ganthe fiasco at yesterday's meeting of those who fancy Mr Sanjiva they could not agree on any "Mrs Gandh herself has not name and that the meeting near-

described as the Syndicate know that the common mem-pers are with Mrs Gaudhi They dan not challenge her

for forget this fact. The people to land the country into econowant a President who is largely mic chaos. They should be eliacceptable to everybody. Mrs. mmated Gandhi is therefore sure to have her way

Report

"There was considerable conwhen members shouted at one was plain nonsense because "The fact is that those who are ored when the Syndicate sang a not release the personnel What song of unity. This was greatly is more even countries that emoved, and restive delegates have taken over banks feel hadsank back into the usual torpor

his position he can do better for publicly. Within the various a persuasive speech when he be made to feel second class the country. He is watching delegations from the States, said that he himself was both citizens there is strong feeling that the a socialist and an anti-socialist President should be chosen by and that was how most party that what he meant by national Path for the august post but consensus. This is not just the members were. This was the heaten was that banks should Mr Patil does not think the view of those who hold radical true tradition of the Congress function as if they belonged to august job is for him. "A joke going the rounds is privy purses but even of the sought to be broken by inter-done by propaganda and pati-at the top Congress leaders Right. lopers Where their lovalties once in that order This was all decide the name by lots. "After all, the Congress is a he can be easily imagined as the Indian way. Everybody is tickled by the idea democratic party which hopes their demands are for bank na- "Mr 5 K. Patil who followed but there was one catch. How to hold its own in the general tionalisation and for the elimi-deprecated attempts to split the

'Mr Kamaraj who followed said that while he himself was for bank nationalisation, he did not mean it the way certain imwanted people in the party did They felt that the government another and pushed pillows government just does not have about. Order was at last rest, the time for all this. They canly about it. Bankers are our "Later Mr Nijalingappa made own people and they should not

"Mr Kamaraj went on to say

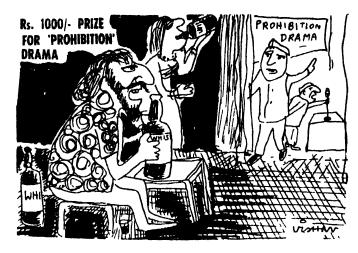
Shankar's Weekly 6 July 1969 party They were all behind the leader. The Congress did not have a Right wing and a Left as had been made out by some people. The Congress did not fly (laughter) but kept its feet on the ground

The election of the President was an important matter. They should seek to have a unammous choice. They must show the people that we are all muted without exception. He agreed with the views of Kamaraj on bank nationalisation. He was against the abolition of privi purses?

"Mr. Atulya Ghosh then got up to say that when he spoke against the privy purse, mischievous persons had misinter preted it as indicating his desire to defect to the Young Turks He would rather die than do so He meant that he was against the giving of prixy purses in remember is that without the clothed nobodies?

Bengal and in Madias. Fortuparty there is no government, "India was dfinitely progres nately, in these two States and vice versa. Dark forces sing. He had the fullest confi there were no Maharajahs'

"Mi Moraiji Desai was hapgress could not be split so cast ly It wa not wise to press issuthat could be thoroughly thrash ad out in repeated AICC sessions. There was no hurry



Your prize money will just about cover what it takes to give a spirited performance"

Capital was fleeng Bengal, and loan money would be forth py that there seemed so much Brigal was fleeing capital coming from various countries unity in the party. The Con. (laughter). The Navalites were We shall also make good use of felt there were a few in the must be done without hurting es Bank nationalisation and Congress (laughter and cheers) people too much. The bulk of other things were talking points. But he was not a man, to be money is today with the masses cowed by anybody. The Con-They should be milked. But asked why things were being gress had humbled the great the goose that lays the golden delayed. The Congress can "The point that we have to tow before a few unkempt, ill-would not be wisdom."

were hovering over the horizon dence in the country. All the everywhere and he sometimes our ewn resources. But this British Empire V. as it to kow- eggs must not be killed. That afford to take its time, he said.

Report

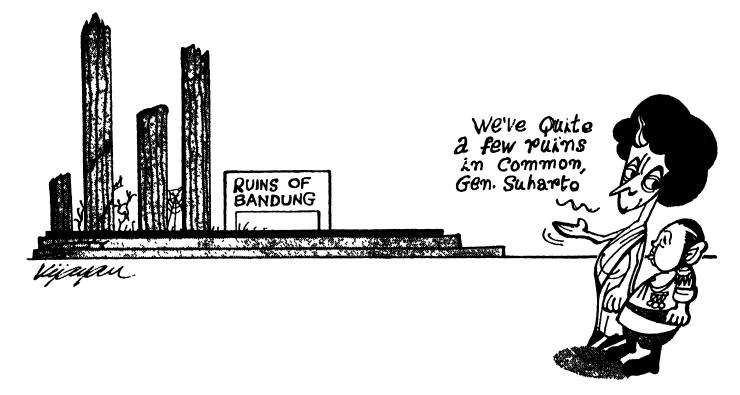
"It is cortain that either Mr Sanjiva Reddy, Mr Kamaraj or * Mi Jaganyan Ram will be nominated by the Congress for the Presidentship Mrs Gandhi's followers are light hpped but they claim they have a trump eard up then sleeve That may be, as imnour goes, to nomnate all the members of the Svndicate as Vice-Presidents while Mi Giri continues as President,

"As a proposal it has the me-11t of giving something to everybody Moreover there will be quarrels over who should be senior and who junior among the VPs. This should go against the interests of the Syndicate Tomorrow is the fate-tul day when we shall know the final decision

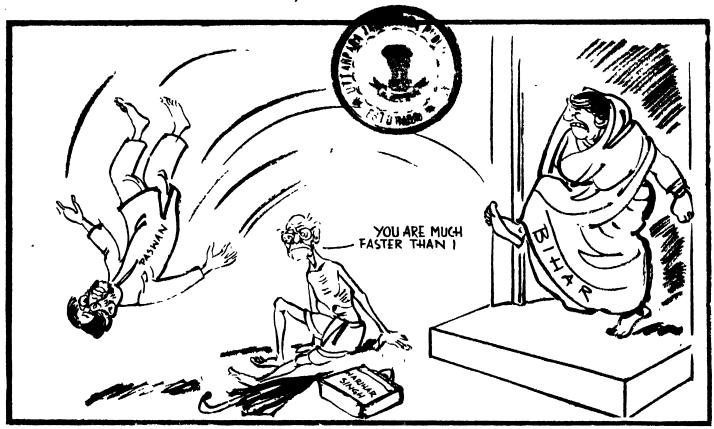
Last day announcement

Congress President Nijalingappa announced today that the decision on the Congress choice for President would be taken by the Congress Parliamentary Board in Delhi some time in late July This would give an opportunity to MPs to have their sav

"What is all this hustling, he asked when a correspondent



'After me what?'



The Pastean Ministry in Bihar has also fallen

TELENGANA

A Psephological Challenge

IT is use to be missed. It is HVPO is appalled at the point is the conclusion. This is tor International Understand even meer to know that one thought of what would happen not such a paradox as students me. It has sought to explain is indispensable for under-to-all these good, people if it of Mr. Thomas. Stern, Eliot, the behavioural pattern describmon (of which I am the founcourse'—impatience is justified The IIVPO has been following der that people are feeling lost, research on opinion, the starting North-East-South-West Centre dog and Buildan's ass For look

standing the political and social were not around to put them would readily concede. Any- of carber in terms of what it forces at work in the country wise about the real significance way, once you know your con- has called the syndrome of the

der, managing director, techni- its loyal readership that it has matter of choice of conclusions came the HVPO was to respond cal adviser, staff and general not been idle. In fact, it has by the attitude of the Central to the call of the Congress to factorum rolled into one) that been busy trying to collate and Congress leadership he has been flooded with letters correlate the variety of cons-

The editor informs the Indian of what is going on in this clusion the evidence is casily political Paylox dog. The idea institute of Very Private Opi- country assembled. And as I said the is that once you are condition-The HVPO wishes to assure HVPO was badly served in the ed, as the HVPO before it be-

from "rate readers" of this cious and unconscious attitudes utution the HVPO would at all always react obediently to any journal-why are readers always to the whole spectrum of views times wish to have the same united call of the Congress trate is a problem that the on Telengana and draw the conclusions as the leadership of leadership. But trouble will HVPO will investigate one of conclusions most appropriate the Indian National Congress start of course when the lead-these days—asking him why the for the occasion. With the sight it is not the slightest use telling ciship starts giving different HVPO has not come out with tuation charging so rapidly, this it that the Congress is an organizations at the same time its findings on Telengana. For was a matter of some difficulty instation that is finished. Many then the political Paylog dog once the readers'—"trate," of It thinks it is only fair and in the country, and that inclin-will become, it you will forgive honest to share with its trusting des the HVPO before it became the change of metaphor and The HVPO has been following readership some of its technical the HVPO, have grown with the analogy, Buildin's ass, not with increasing despair the kind dilemmas. There is first the Congress and cannot accept this being able to make up its mind of political guidance people are question of a frame of refer- proposition. (It has analysed which buildle of has it ought getting on this vital issue from ence, which in psephological the phenomenon in a technical to cat the newspapers, radio discus- contexts, reduces itself to what paper presented to the Barcesions and the general bedlam of you want to prove As has long Seminar on the Politics of the Telengana issue to a cross voices in the country. No won-been explained in the past, in Unreason convened by the between the political Paylog

revolt against the British to For as a patriotic Indian Ins- burn foreign cloth et al. it will

The HVPO was reduced over

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at the record. First, the eight- ink is getting dry on this "Prea smack of firm government gana will be conceded by the of the decision. Then came the indeed demand for the removal of the Chief Minister by the Telen many Congressmen have always gana agitators and for the im-demonstrated, and the HVPO position of the President's rule has to live too So, it has follow-And the high command dec reed no cocreion on the removal of the Chief Minister no dons in different States (Albut more powers to the regional dering a separate Telengana committee and alternation of edition we are told). So, for Cluet Minister's privileges be-different regions, HVPO shall tween coastal Audhra and Te-give different sets of conclusions smack And lo and behold resigned and for the specific HVPO can opt for the most Reddi faction or the Sanjeeva Brahmananda Reddi resigns and, purpose of propagating the smitable conclusion, and of Reddi faction in Andhra Pradesh at the moment of writing it ideal of a united Andhra Pra- course for corresponding evid-politics? (Truthful answers may be accepted Well, the desh' Why on earth did they ence HVPO tears up all the cyclence not do it when they were in the

point programme and no seces- sident's Rule but no separate sion from Andhra Pradesh and Telengana" evidence, Telen-Fair chough. The HVPO gird- Congress. high command, and ed its loins and started collect- the HVPO will have to start all ing evidence to prove the utter over again. The life of an opifinal and indestructible wisdom mon-pollster is very hard

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"Weighty reason for continuing with the large number of open-air schools'

making up its mind about the details about themselves 1) Do busy scoring for evidence that dence. The HVPO knows the regional anchinations, at will you speak Telugu or some other this is what the people wanted bazard of such a procedure adopt a simple rule of thumb- language? (You don't have to which is always a sound proces specify which Indian language dure in politics that each ic- other than Telugu That will the high command and go back there may be in Telengana it- gion is bound to think that it be necessary only when the home and of course, were nabeself people opposed to Telen-would be better oft alone than Belgaum issue blows up) 2) If bed. Very much a smack of gain. Haven't we all read of as part of a bigger unit. And you speak Telugii, are you from firm Covernment Once again the Telengana Ministers in the when the current confusion Telengana, Coastal Andhra Pra-HVPO rolls up its sleeves and Brahmananda Reddi Cabinet clears and the Congress leader- desh Rayalaseema or Chindagets down to the task of assem, who have resigned after the ship triumphantly accedes to dupet in Madras? 3) Do you bling evidence in favour of a Chief Munster himself had the separate Telengana, the belong to the Biahmananda

it has gathered, and says that Covernment. At I what chance with its readers and if the read- and will be treated as strictly. Brahmananda Reddi ought to is there of their being heard at ers are slightly disappointed confidential and will on no achave resigned long ago. And all? And what are they really that they have not obtained a count be passed on to the AICC now President's rule, so firmly up to? These are questions for clear lead, they should wait for Secretary) overruled once will be imposed which the HVPO will find any ealiner times. Or if they want in all likelihood, but of course wers but not now. At the most en instant epinion, (and evid-these questions, we shall send no separate. Telengana, and ment it is busy making up dissence to support it) they should the appropriate Survey Report HVPO will have to find sup-terent regional conclusions and send the HVPO a self-addressed port for it. And just when the evidence to suit, them, and in envelope giving, the following

The HVPO has been honest plied is for research purposes

When we receive answers to

ASON

BY MICKEY PATEL

MY MOTHER AND FATHER ARE VERY SOCIAL. THEY LOVE ENTERTAING THEIR BFRIENDS.

OUR HOUSE WAS ALWAYS FULL OF PEOPLE. THEN MY MOTHER AND FATHER FOUND THAT THINGS WERE GETTING EXPENSIVE SOTHEY RESTRICTED THEIR INVITATIONS TO AFTER-DINNER-COFFEE.

N HARDLY ANY OF THEIR FRIENDS COME OVER AND OUR HOUSE IS MOSTLY EMPTY.



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Paper Solutions

Britain has detected a & 10 million-a-month error in esticurrently she was "in the black - Report

indeed a great leveller to come off when Roosevelt age of marriage and make many Mighty men, known as men of died even as the noose was a solitary reaper miserable. But action, resort to that in private Lesser persons do that under public gaze on the road side When other meer reserves fail every replemshment is welcome, including that afforded by the planetary position!

Thus was it that Hitler was happiest among soothsayers in his bunker. Adjutants reported fortune tellers forecast goldmines of good luck as yet un-Frederick the Great who was the Fuchrer's idol had his bunker moments during the seven year war, said these readers of fortune And what happened while the ring was closing? The Czariva died and Frederick's fortunes soared! The Czarına shall die now too, cried the fortune tellers, as the stars demanded it.

So Hitler waited for the lation problem.

mating her export earnings since 1964, in the light of besides we owe to the statistic longer suffice but miracles which her balance of payment deficits were really less, and crans. They make consumption Since you compiled figures,

tightening! It was a miracle all in fairness it must be stated initially right, but not miracle enough that as they create problems, there was a £ 10 million to save the thousand year so can they solve them statistic under-estimate in export value

they have statisticians who are one-up over the star-gazers The statisticians can not only For a time he blamed his Conpiedict, but like occult practi- servative predecessors Ex- The moral Know the statistioners, pull off muscles not ports did not go up. He ticians! For every problem only divisions exterminated, but predict, but like occult practipredicted by the stars

> Time was when the tribe of statisticians did not exist, and nations were much happier No one computed national income, so growth rate could never come down No one compiled trade statististics, so there was no balance of payments crisis No one counted heads, so there was no popu-

All these problems, and many because prediction would no surveys and tell most of us they were told there is a auotherwise happy that we are on the Pound so please close CONSULTING the stars is Czarma to die This seemed starving. They find the mean the gap'

> Kingdom. He came in with a were unnecessary. The Pound vawning gap of trade deficit, need not have been devalued! borrowed to support the Pound created by compiling figures Sterling Imports did not there is an equally statistical come down. He devalued the solution. One type of paper Pound Exports went down tiger can be killed by another and imports went up. He tried type to sneak into ECM was a run on the Pound He gana surpluses problem, if only reshuffled the Cabinet. There he had a stronger statistical was flight of capital

> between consulting the stars by the time of the next censual and the statisticians Mr Wilson wasely chose the latter

And they brought of the They Reich But no one could say cally too per month since Mr Wilson took over They said 'For Leaders today need not (as the 14th Earl of Hone the balance of payments crisis wholly go by the stars because called him) of the United never was! The borrowings

> Brahmananda Reddy There could have solved the Telenwing! Mr. Chandrasekhar mae well note this if he wants to At this stage the choice was solve the population problem

> > SANJAY

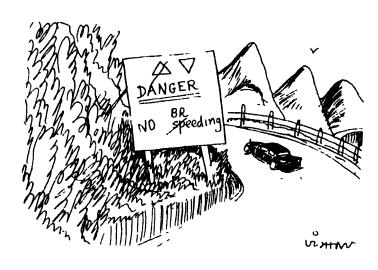
KERALA LETTER

The Forensic Revolutionary

MORARJI DESAI, so unlike absolutist, who found the Maiprove that Bengal's economy pital was not in Hight Basu icawas and sud a couple of imgenerous things which of course Desar alleging a flight of capital ced from Keiala Or his suggesting that Kerala's economy was gettto insecurity and corruption 1) Communist Ministry

his uncompromising ethical aist's interest in the bourgeois solf, has shown great discretion document uncomfortably odd He challenged Jyoti Basu to But that is the method which Nambooduipad seems to have was not deteriorating, that ca- perfected. The enemy has to be respected constitutionally but cted in his usual torrid angry purned tactically. The enemy, in this case the Central Government, itself is unfamiliar with a were no detence and no yindic-combat of this kind and hence ation. Now imagine Morarp feeling considerably demoralis-

An example of this postmg worse day by day Or even, Clausewitzian and more-thanmaking the charge that the poli- Maoist factic of battle can be ticalisation of the police had led seen in the dismissal of the first which



for the Deputy Chief Minister of any kind, survived

this was at the Gokhale Insti- gain in seats and votes tute where he lectured on the Constitution It angered people like AD Gorewala, the lone death wish is on him again, Be-

would have been sheer disaster. Namboodinpad headed. When the agitation against the inmistry Because, no one who invited became uncontrollable, people Namboodiripad, the Marxist re- thought that it was the end of volutionary, to a wordy spairing. Communism in Kerala, since the Government had gone out in disgrace However, Namboodingad EMS could have reacted in came—back again, and began the following manner. He would from time to time inviting, howhave taken the first available ever indirectly. Central interplane from Trivandrum and sur-vention. It is almost like the exfaced in the Gokhale Institute or pression of a kind of death wish, the Bula Planetorium or some or at least so it seemed to the such odd and impossible joint lay observers. But certainly not and there launched on a seven- to those who knew what was instalment lecture series (to be happening It was a trap which brought out in hard cover the Namboodiripad was laying for following season) swamping his the Centre, because with every adversary with arguments and act of intervention, his pollsters statistics. The last time he did assured him of a substantial

It looks like the disruptive



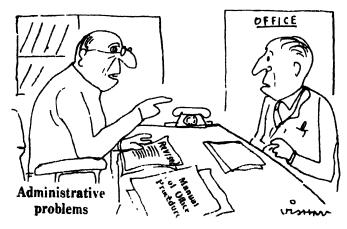
had the feuding that goes on Socialist Party, the KTP and the between the various consti- SSP might well be forgiven their tuents of the United Front, a mnocence in not understanding feuding for which the CPM is Namboodiripad's style of trapchiefly responsible, is the all too ping familiar trap intended for the Central Government The Cen trai Government is wiser today and more experienced ones like bitter lessons and will be taken political and historical factor tor a vide no more. Nambooduripad symbolises the perenmal dielectic of clashing arguments, and the still centre which ultimately emerge from them

The constituents of the United Front are learning this all over again One would have expected Tyoti Basu and Namboodiripad the CPI, to whom EMS is no And today if it is afraid of any stranger, to have realised this thing it certainly is litigation truth and acted more sensibly The odd splinters like the Kerala

What might result from all this? What will be the future but a trap is a trap all the same of the Communist movement in and when it is offered with all Kerala? Namboodiripad seems diligence and finesse it becomes to be convinced of the need for hard to resist. Thus occasionally an altogether new unitiative some Central Minister or other Law, for instance, is one thing commits a minor indiscretion te- You could always challenge the garding Kerala But the older class enemy to a legal dispute, to plain litigation, and thus Morary Desar have learnt their bring about his liquidation as a Of course, this is pretty unorthodox. But Namboodiripad is as unorthodox a Communist as he is an unorthodox Brahmin

> The Centre knows the difference between dealing with

> > YASMIN



"Delays due to our revision of the manual are of advantage to the public in the long run'

Wise after the event

TT serves the pu vested interests who the press in this country, to ly put it that Mr Reddy has is whether any person will have been ousted by mob pressure newspapers have some very mportant role to play in the
shaping of national events. The claim would seem to be as fal- ous fact of the resignation letter lacious as the one about the is noted by some others as well, freedom of the press Telengana but most of them have reconis a case in point. For nearly six months the seperatist movement in Telengana has been Board has to accept Mr Reddy's front page news Students of po- resignation and vote for Presihtics would recognise all the in- dent's rule in Andhra. gredients of the national malaise in it-aggressive regionalism the "small men in positions of and seperatism, reactionary importance in the Congress group quarrels and factional po hierarchy, including Mr Nijalinhtics, opportunism making for lack of policy, endless indecision, and violence and what attitude of crushing the agita-have you And yet its treatment tion with a show of force It in the press has produced no warned "The Congress leadermore than a casual impact, notwithstanding the fact that all ment must realize that they the national parties are opposed to the demand for a seperate lives of the people of Andhia Telengana

has generally paddled along the last four months and more with the pace of the agitation, by directing Mr. Brahmananda purveying no better than the Reddy to vacate office at once statements of political adven- and imposing President's rule turers and faction leaders. It They must resist the temptation has not forcefully attacked the to try out other permutations problem In contrast is its ex- and combinations which in toaggerated interest in and part- day's circumstances isan treatment of issues like satisfy the people of Telenghenos in West Bengal, the gana."

squabbles in the United Front The National Herald also is in Kerala, etc. This lack of will very bitter, but for different reto come to grips with the Telen- asons. To it, "it was clear that gana problem except in muted the Centre, by its indecisiveness terms is understandable since and timid parleying with the what is involved here is the leaders of Telengana, made an prestige and fortunes of Con- erosion into the authority of the gress factions There may or Chief Minister and, without giv-may not be truth in the re-port that big business is behind stern advice, gave him a dubi-the agitation and is financ-ous propping. It has some ing the faction fight on both home truths to tell the bosses sides But then that is something who run the Congress organisawhich can be brought out by tion the Leftist press, which too has learn the lesson at least now played an ineffective role in that unless it mobilises the peothis matter

gana Ministers. As the Patriot misation, says the Herald noted, Mr. Reddy if he The National Herald wails really was keen on resigning that "Telengana probably procould have sent in his resignation letter to the Governor and in the Congress, that it has no

ciled to the view that now at last the Congress Parliamentary

The Patriot sharply attacked gappa," for supporting Mr Brahmananda Reddy's "foolish" ship and the Central Governhave played sufficiently with the Pradesh they must make up The press with few exceptions for their irresponsibility over cannot

"The Congres should ple for economic progress and Among the several comments goes all out to smash vested in-which have appeared on the terests, it will be lost in the subject since the agitation game of petty politics and per-began, the latest deal with the sonalities" It does not matter if situation created by the resigna- there are 15 States or 50 States, tion of Mr. Brahmananda but there must be some prin-Reddy and all the Telen-ciple underlying States reorga-

to the Congress Parliamen- aim and direction." It concludes it is also anxious that "It should hold Telengana, they have re- loss of lives and property. leased other and mightier forces

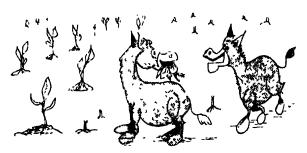
cedure," the Sunday Hindusthan down the agitation and he "can-Standard notes that the send not accuse the Umon Coverning of Mr Brahmananda ment of having let him down in Reddy's resignation to the CPB any way." It backed him to instead of to the Governor the hilt for several months in means that he may not step all he did to bring the situation down if the party leadership under control." Perhaps that is does not ask him to But it where the Centre went wrong cautiously comments that in the Anyway, the Times has some present cucumstances, "it seems more pep talk for the central to be a remote possibility." Apleadership It has told New parently it is not very sure of Delhi that there is no reason itself. However, it puts the for it "to give in to panic or blame for the mes, where it surrender to the seperatists debelongs "The fate of the Andhra mand for the formation of a Government has been literally new State in Telengana and the decided on the streets of the imposition of President's rule State This sets a dangerous as an interim measure." precedent for which the blame hope for this advice is that the

mananda Reddy has not resigned but has offered to resign tician from Telengana who can astutely put the ball in Centre's court." It advocates an "expeditious and imaginative ists. "It looks very simple, programme of action to cure legitimate Telengana grievances and safeguard local interests to come to even such simple under some formula of regional conclusions autonomy" - a delightfully vague prescription Meanwhile

Board The paper correct- in these words "One question not be allowed to appear that be able to continue in office dership and can rely on it, and and that a little more terror on without President's rule, the gana. The same thing as Con-Congress can hold Andhra Pragress Ministers say every time desh It seems even the Telen- a demand is conceded after gana Congress leaders cannot agitation involving violence and

The Times of India comes to even if they tie themselves up the defence of the Centro to the vested interests for a whereas others find fault with brief while and a brief existit According to the Times, Mr.
Reddy's decision to and a Calling it an "unusual pro- result of his own failure to put must be equally shared by New seperatists' camp is divided Delhi and the Congress High The Times offers the advice "it should be possible to per-The Hindustan Times notes suade the majority of the Conwith wry humour, "Mr. Brah- gress MLAs in the State to What he has thereby done is to be depended upon to resume

NARADA



"Happy Vanamahotsaval"

Marck





An abundance of queens

Presidents and Revolutionary Diamonds and Clubs and the King of England He did not say anything about the queens

I have recently returned from where on the day of my deseventeen queens in residence, and more coming up at the rate of three or four a week 1 cliche, this was quite an explosion of queens There were herds of them on the roads, dressed in their evening best, taking a stroll along the Mall followed by admiring glances trom connoisseurs of queenly figures

As befits the century of the

appearance of kings, through expediencies of business or preabdication or replacements by ssures of 'public" relations result in surprising choices. The Councils, a wit had prophesied younger element among the that ultimately there would be male visitors to and residents only five kings left in the world of this salubrious hill-resort -the King of Spades, Hearts, participate in this game with great zest, which should not surprise anyone who knows the young of today

It is like this If there are a short spell at a hill station three well-known restaurants in the station, which have bars, parture there were as many as dance floors and Pop' bands, in the tourist season-which is realh the two months of May and June-these three are in fierce doubt if there were as many competition to lure spending queens at the Coronation of customers away from each Elizabeth II. To use a popular other And what better bart than feminine beauty as has been proved by the popularity of fashion shows and selections for Miss India, Teen Princesses etc. Nothing like a bit of glamour to ring the cash register and make beer bottles (to say nothing of other drinks) go pop pop

If one of these places announcommon man, these queens are ces a gala evening for the

for 'Summer Queen" while the was not warming up. Eleven o' third may herald a "Tourist clock and most grandmothers of placards announcing these them The only lively spot was attractions and banners flutter the table where half-a-dozen across the roads with offers of young blades and their girl prizes to the winners and run-friends were making whoopee. tune to the rest

Next week, there would be one admires the ingenuity which goes into thinking up new hke "Mid-summer Queen", "Hill Queen", "Golconda Queen", "Queen of the Night" "June Queen", "Mid-Queen," Queen," etc Then, of course, manufacturers of cosmeties, tooth-pastes, radio sets and other goods, who know the effect of sex on sales graphs, sponsor shows after their trade names

We went to one of these 'Coronations' just to see things for ourselves. The show was advertised to last "from 8-00 PM to 2.2.2" We went after dinner, at about rane and wondered, not having reserved a table ahead, whether we would get a place to sit. We need not have worried The place was halffull barely We ordered our drmks and looked round Most of the tables had family groups with a liberal sprinkling of grand-mothers (what is the older crowned. generation coming to) and some middle age (alright, ripe middle-age) couples like ourselves she walked up to the dais. The Pop band, calling themselves 'Marauders,' or was it the loudest came from the table "Thunderbolts," was creating a where she had been sitting. This lot of noise considering there was the table where the drink were only four or five players in bill was the heaviest A man at it On the dance-floor kicking the table adjoining ours, sensand swinging away merrily were ing amazement on our faces, half a dozen couples. We could make them out with great difficulty because that part of the hall had been kept quite dark

By ten o'clock many couples had left. To fill the gap, the

COMMENTING some years elected by popular acclaim selection of "May Queen," the band became louder. A few ago, on the gradual dis-generally, although on occasions other steps in with similar plans stragglers came in but the thing Oueen" Nite. There is a rash had gone, taking their girls with ners-up and promise of a good Lots of drinks were being ordered at that table

> Come mudnight and the audiother 'Queens" to crown and ence position was a little worse. The number of couples on the dance-floor, was three . one of which was a bald American with his stout well-beloved wife, Our heart sank and we ordered another drink Two gurls (possi-"Moonlight ble winners) left with their brothers At this rate, we thought, there would be no contender for the post of a queen, much less any 'reserves' for the runners-up

> > We half decided to go but then changed our mind In for a penny, in for a pound. Why not see the 'queen' selected I think, most others might also have left but for the curiosity of secing the evening's prize glamour

Sensing the unpatience of the audience, the master of ceremonies stepped on to the stage and with a brisk fan-fare from the band announced the winner Miss So and Sol and invited her to come and be

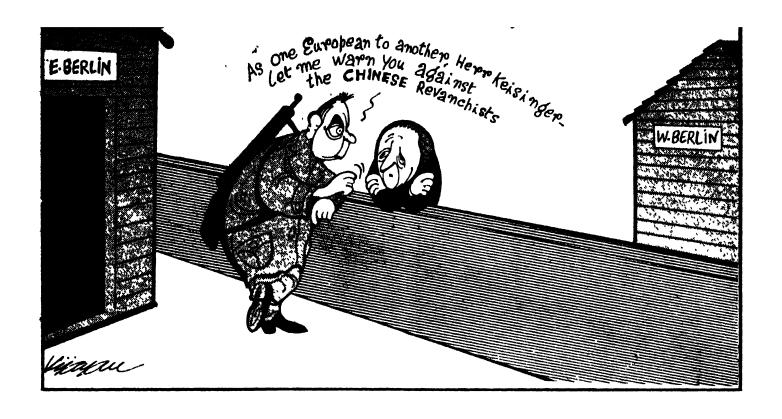
The floor-boards creaked as There were cheers allround but leaned across and said with a wink, "these things happen."

Talk of mixing pleasure with businessl

H. R LUTHRA



"I told you I'm a specialist in paddy. Why do you ask me for rice?



Big Brother Is Talking to You

THE Leader (as the dictator We have so many of them will definitely be known) walked into the mike infested, bug (electronic)-ridden room waited till his aimed henchmon were in place, and coughed, tuned up, adjusted question, yes that's right, it's the buttons on his back to an excellent question, yup ensure the right melodious pitch, and said "This here Piess Conference has now begun Fire away" One of the reporters who had been taking a conversation course in Enghsh took out his pistol but he was overpowered and thrown out.

Q-"Sir, what border problem?

"What about it^p"

up with this fine piece of iepartee kept quiet. Here you could see was a reporter who was planning to phrase his next question as "What do you plan to do about?"

Q-"Sir, what do you think solve the food problem?" about the language problem?"

I mean, which language do you plan to have as the national language"

"Yes, that's a very good hoyoboy I like that question yeah boy I really do, you know that's a tremendously good question, yes that is

"But which one do you propose to have as the national language?

The leader nodded The about the reporter felt a pain in the neck He turned and saw a pistol A water pistol, held in the cerned, our foreign policy has hands of a tough guy. The always been "Aid without The reporter, unable to cope arms shortage, no doubt since he was a man who prided himself on his appearance and disliked the idea of a wet patch all the way down his the polarisation of parties? back, he kept quict.

The same retort hovered on blem? Well, I suppose you implement immediately a policy the Leader's lips, but he decan call it that, but it's really of polarisation. All the memcided to be original. "Which a mere quibbling with words, bers of the party in power will language problem do you mean? We do have some kind of a be leaving for the North Pole

shortage but I doubt of you on loot, and all the members could call it a problem. Yes, of all the Opposition parties next question. Will be going to the South

about the latest spurt of fight-mg in the Middle East? What do you think will be the reper cussions on the debate at the UN? How far will it affect our relations with the power blocs?"

"Well, basically I am against war of any kind I don't beheve m a creed of violence It will of course have the usual repercussions on the UN debate, and as far as relations with the power blocs are con-The always been "Aid without And Strings," and this will not be prid- affected."

Sir, what is your opinion on

"I fully believe that it's the "Sir, how do you propose to only way out of the political lve the food problem?" rut we have fallen in So much so, that as a measure of my "Do we have a food pro-belief in it I have decided to

Pole, in row boat Polarisa-"Sn, what is your opinion from is the word of the day, and it will soon be extended to many more fields

> 'Sir, can vou give us an idea of how far the family planning programme has been successful?"

'Six months ago, we offered stereograms to all those who got sterrlised Thousands of people from the villages came forward We distributed the sets, but it was a total failure There was no electricity in the villages, and they could not get any stereo records. We hope that electrifying the villages and mass producing stereo records will help, until then, we have to keep on with our programme of dynamiting a village a day

"Finally Su, what are your hopes for the future?"

"I personally have great hopes for myself I do hope you are looking out for yourself With this I declare this conference wound up

SPENIVASAN KRUSHCIAN

Summer in Complexcity

KALIDAS in Ritusamhara speaks of Six Seasons,
The West knows four,
Spring, summer, autumn, winter,
But Complexeity has use only for two lit's generally summer, of course,
For ten months or so,
And when it's not summer,
It is winter.

When the papers describe the summer weather As "fair",
It means 40 degrees in the shade,
'Fair" being cuphemism for
"It might have been worse, much worse!'

Summer in Complexcity
Is paradise for "work to rule",
And the rule is not to work at all —
For who could work
In this extended oven,
And this unending sweat?
The only relaxation
Is self-commisseration

The great ment of this summer Is the boost it gives to water For mere aqua is now elan vital. And need water is ambrosia. The hoariest philanthropy is to provide Cool, drinking water on the roadside. The "primitive" mud-pots still serve their purpose No need here for "foreign aid."

Or USAID collaboration.

The "modern" homes and offices
Have then refugerators air-conditioners,
More oft in repair than use
Some reason to grouse about
The "god-forsaken' country,
The "Continent of Circe",
Rocalling the 'happy" days at Detroit,
Frankfurt, Moscow, Tokyo,
Stockholin, Geneva, Torquay
'This Bharat will never get modern,
The bullock-eart and mud-pot are all its fit fot!

Nuce to ten Troop in the men, Ten to eleven Fondle the pen, Eleven to noon



"They are from the Income tax They want to know if you had left any tax dues in your last life."

A nap is a boon;
Twelve to one
Nothing to be done,
One to two
What's to do?
Two to three
From "work" set free,
Look at the door
To get out at four,
Or wait till five
For the homeward drive

Turn, turn the wheel
Through the traffic-jams
And the deafening roar
The domestic seminar
"Where shall we go
And kill the evening?
Visit our cousins-german at Kripa Park?
See 'Winter in Wisconsin' at Vita Nuova?
Or 'Love-Bites and Flying-Kites' at Casanova?
Attend the ex-Finance Minister's lecture
On the New Squeeze-Fleece Tax-Structure?
Or just go shopping round the Circus
And end with dinner at the Circumflex?"

The still more affluent manage to escape To Sinila, Mussoone, Nami Tal (Or a beauty-spot abroad)
To breathe the an salubrious
To taste variegated wine
To cut capers or twist it fine
A workshop or a study group
Or a 'high power' conference of sorts
Comes always handy
(And travel is free)
Only get away from the scorching plains
Get away from office, files and decisions.

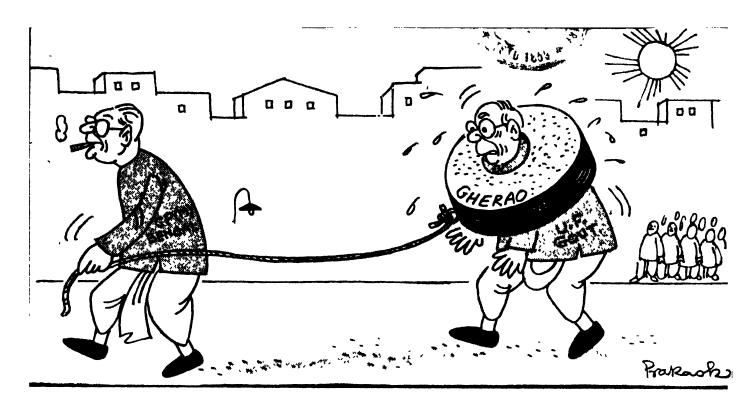
The average and the positive
And the million down-and-outs
Are well content to dare the summer
Content to drink the sun's glare and heat
In juice of unipteen varieties
The urchins in their tens of thousands
Romp about as if the sun is but the moon
And blinding dust-storms are only the drizzle
Of the awaited monsoon

In such heat, in the total furnace, How do the lawns retain their green? How does the tarbooz wax into sweetness and wet? How do the roses thrive? How do the million spairows survive?

Summer in Complexcity Turns the lordlings into mumnues (Or absentees), Brings 'official' work to a standstill, Makes cowards of the Ministers Who defer decisions in a doze of unconcern, But the disinherited (The vast majority) Make friends with the summer, And summer befriends them too In its own fashion They slave out the day And sleep out at night Or sing out the night Awaiting Stoically awaiting The rains

R. R.





The West Bengal CP(M) committee has rejected a ban on gheraos' advocated by certain UF constituents

When the pest was bested

TD had a fairly exhausting imbibe the boy-beniusing icbrain classes, each of one O joy! and fifty full-grown The front-door step hundred and fifty full-grown information into their six-inch-shouts, screams, screeches, ing dragen Mrs Bonianbehram, after the days slavery' steel-insulated tops in the vells, yawls, howls, growls, the hag Kanakakumbhakirana- 'Just a little to course of four consecutive grunts, snorts, trumpets, huffs, kala, the witch Shvetakamala Timn's father just forty five minute periods, puffs, snaps, yaps, hisses, raps, nayana, the harpy Kanchanlata You'll then get some faint idea barks, squeals, bellows, roars, the vainpine Mandarmala, of what I had gone through and thunders. I knocked, with the "As my dear old rented premis- a swinning head, a sinking "Tunny's father!" admonished es hove into sight from afar, I heart, and a shivering hand experienced the sensation of The door opened, profound relief Rest, at last! "You!" Prema b And quiet and peacel Soon me, still on the step I'd be in my own soft and "What d'you mean downv nest, snig and comfv, I bawled back. like a bug in a rug Prema would brew me a big pot of hot tea, strong and sweet There would be crisp toast with plentiful butter and apri- till five in the afternoon That cot-jam on it. I'd relax, and meeting of yours."

morning session at Rotting- freshment, and enjoy the Will you let me in, woman' I tant issue. No one can come Justy try to imagine supreme bliss of a happy home am on the verge of a collapse, in

anthropoid ages gone mad sternation! From within the and having their tails set on house issued what I can only in the study fire Try to imagine further describe as a most hideous. The devil you are Ah, that the task of drilling difficult blast constituted of uncarthly ghastly crew. The fire-breath-

"You!" Prema bawled out to way in

"So soon?"

"Well I've had session '

"But you weren't expected my own house?"

And what's going on in this where, and then I'll welcome Con- house?"

'We're having our club meet

'Tuny's father!' admonished Prema, staring at me most menacingly and barnua my

'I'll hound all those devils of my wav!" 'You'?" out of my house," I yelled 'Let me in, woman!"

'But I can't let you in ning a full Tinny's father!"

"My wife can't let me into

The club meet's on, Tinny's father! Please! We're in secret led Prema, and she slammed

"I cut it Got fagged out conclave over a most impor-Spend an hour out someyou home with all my heart'

"You have no licart

'Pleasel'

To stop a tuck mm from getting into his own house

Just a little tolerance Times's father just a little tolerance

"Get out of my way," I thundered 'I know who's at the back of it all. That monster Mrs Bomanbehram The pest! But I'll best the pest, come what may Get right out

"Won't" cried Prema, her eyes flashing out forked light-

"You't?"

"Won't"

"Hal" "Come after an hour,' shrilever experience the disaster of shall door in they face, leaving thee

Reader, didst thou poor heart at this moment. I steps therefore, refram pruwife banging thine own front- tempt to describe them to you

"Tuny's father,' a croak outside, No. Then thou shalt made its way through the dense have you been here?"

LY IS A HAPPY FAMILY-A SMALL FAMILY IS A HAPPY

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the door shut in my face. I never he able to imagine the tog of misery that lay thick a full hour passed

"How monkey-tricks

Tinny's Quite a while. father," said the boy 'I heard everything

You ought to have your neck wrung for it"

"What are you going to donow^b.

'First I am going to kick your spine through the top of your head, and then I am go-

"You can't do that It's a very strong door"

"Now first you"

'Stop! Tinny's father, d'you want all those women to get out of your house?

"Yes This moment

Not this moment But 1 can make them all vanish from your house in a short while '

"You can, dear boy?" cumbed to the imp's lure

"I can, Tinny's father," said mischief sparkbing in his great big eyes

"How will you manage the

job, dear boy?"
"Let's go to my house," said the boy Tikkoo in muted tones "Father's gone up town and Mother's visiting a sick relative m a distant hospital will suit you fine You'll sit at that window from which you can see your front-door steps. Ill run down to the a full hour of his house on his public telephone, and send a return from work phoney call for M18 Boman-responded so beautifully as behrum to the Income-Tax you did officer's women fly out of your house, tried to beat up his wife and and you'll be able to get into so on You were out for a full your house and have the rest hour, and no trouble and refreshment you want so badly

"You'll do all that for me, my spouse the story of Tikkoo dear boy." I gushed "My idea," Piema sprang on

"What will you give me if me I do?"

Five rupees—You can buy a mee little tin of toffee for five rupees

'Give me five jupees first" Here you are, dear boy"

house, and I took my seat at He just went out and kept you the window from which I could command the view of hour my front-door steps, and the come the Best Husband of the boy skimmed out in the direc- Year." tion of the public telephone Fifteen minutes, half an hour,

gave a dazed look to the solid sensations and sentiments that around me I turned round would the boy ever return? I and stolid wooden expanse of surged up and seethed in my and went heavily down the felt very much disturbed and fidgety And then, oh boy, my "Tikkoo!" I recognized next- front-door flew open, and the A thine own lawfully wedded dently from making any at-doors eleven-year old, the gaggle of women trooped out world's foulest little bag of and hurried down the street, long all except Prema. Prema went inside and shut the door And then the crafty Tikkoo popped up beside nie, breathless, a dandy tin of toffee in his hand

"Did you see those women . leaving your house, tather?" he panted.
"I did," I chortled "What

did you say in your call?"

"I became Lalkaka, Mrs Bomanbehram's neighbour, and asked the Income-Tax officer's wife to tell Mrs. Bomanbehram in your house that her house had been burgled'

'Good boy

"You can go to your place now, Tunny's father The line's " elear

And I went

"Congratulations" Prema rang out like a school-bell as soon as I was through the door and inside the good old ten-bytwelve

"On what?" I wondered

'On being adjudged the best husband of the year by the club panel of judges who met here You see each one of the husbands of the club members was subjected all unawares to the test to which you were subjected?

'What test?'

'That of being shut out for No one Here a man broce That will make the open his door, and there a man

> I have a conscience conscience made me spill unto

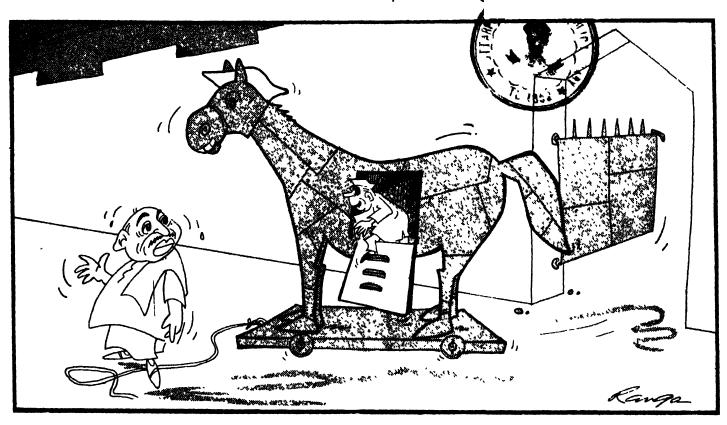
"My idea," Piema spiang on

"What?" I cried

"From soup to nuts my idea I didn't have any trust in you, and I was keen on being the wife of the best husband of the year So I'd tutored up young And young Tikkoo grabbed Tikkoo in the role he played the fiver, and we went into his He never rang up anybody. quiet in his house for a full hour. That's how you've be-

M. A. MAZMUDAR

Who takes whom for a ride?



Mr Kamaraj says, vested interests unable to fight Congress socialism from without, have infiltrated the Congress

The Cook who chose to stay

Mani was recruited as our new

nearly 15 years though soon it once nicknamed him 'Nala,' after theni the legendury king who was also a culmary expert We took the 'sambar'?" and so on But these innocuous jibes seldom ruffled his good humour

WHEN Mam joined our house- morning by cutting off his tuft our Kerala was politically tense, band that he was He was curt Collector had to tour often and cooking steadily deteriorated cossions gened Mani to frenzi became obvious that he was not habit of sprinkling drops of milk cut out to be a cook. We at over the cooked food to 'purify

Once a year he went home to vicious pleasure in souffing at a village near Madurai Every. The telephone intrigued and the food and asking him in all two years there was an addition delighted, him. Whenever it

Kerala, Mani quickly adjusted will be able to hear you' himself to the new surroundings Mani came with us to Madras though his attempts to learn

hold he was a lean, hungry- "It saves much oil and one then with banner-waving pro- and superior to the old maid looking youth of 25 with a huge should not be very orthodox in cessionists, marching to our servant but when her attractive tuft protruding from the back of a big city," explained he. His house every day with shouts of daughter came to work, he was Father, a Deputy weight steadily increased as his 'Inquilab Zindabad'. These pro- all smiles and fawned over her as eating out disagreed with him. Mother was too goodnatured to ed activity as he rushed out to protest though father often used have a look at them, dropping had to go back to his village and to wonder as to what made whatever he was doing in the Mani chose this profession. Mani, kitchen. Milk boiled over rice Mani remained with us for found it also difficult to get was overcooked but such accialong with grandmother and her dents seldom deterred. Main He also took a leading part in loved us all He shared our joys the heated discussions about the and sorrows and nursed us when poll prospects of the Congress or the Communists or the PSP

muocence, "Why does the 'ra- in his family, a piece of news rang he was off like a stag to sam' smell of kerosene?", "How that he communicated to us with answer it. His stentorian voice many mothballs did you put in an embariassed smile prompted mother to remark, Why do you need a phone? When father was posted to Even without it the other party

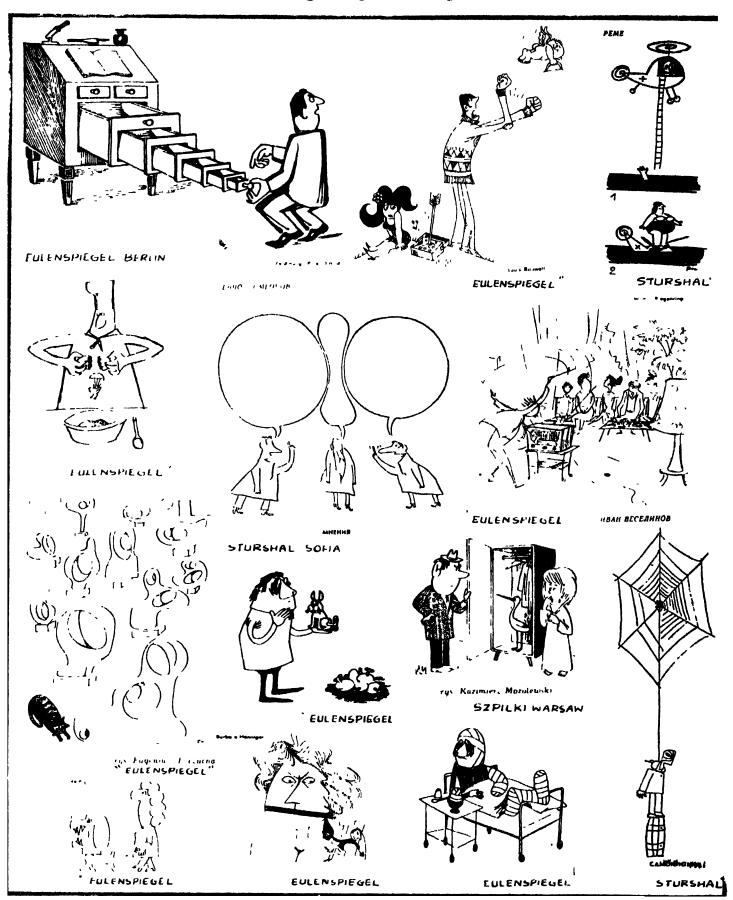
Mani had also a romantie and startled us all one fine Malayalam often proved hilari- streak in him, the faithful hus-

On father's activement Main resume being a temple priest And thus ended a 15-year-old association. He was a poor cook rather shabby and nosy, but he we were ill. I was his special favourite because, being the big eater in the family. I ate up whatever he had cooked without complaint. For this he rewarded me, on the sly, with weets and other delicacies

Mam wrote to us regularly for nearly two years and then the letters stopped I only hope that wherever he is, he is happy and contented

KANNO

Laughs by courtesy



The Dog Business

L THE DOG.

"I'M looking for a good dog," said the prosperous-looking gentleman to his equally prosperous looking companion across the corner table in the lounge of the Ballygunj Cosmopolitan Club,

Bishamber, who was seated at the next table, heard the remark clearly. The two gentlemon had been conversing together for some time, but, as frequently happens when one is in the vicinity of people conversing and in which conversanor interested, some remark will suddenly break through position as he had been doing up till this moment

Superintendent Building His last year and left him to marry settled with husbands with ex cost almost the entire bank corner had registered on his balance he had accumulated brain. The dogs! Why not? Ho

accumulated amount had come out of his salary, of course. No government servant could ever put by that much out of his salary alone. He was a fool who expected to. Small gratifications from grateful subor-dinates who want favours done are the right of every sensible man and more so if that man has daughters whose future is his responsibility. He sighed audibly What a pity he did not have the position to grant any favours now He would have to give up membership of this club very soon A vague feeling tion one is neither taking part that membership of such an exclusive club would be of some use some day had alone made one's barrier of indifference him continue paying the heavy and register on the conclous-subscriptions But now he reaness, so this remark came lised that only a muacle could through to Bishamber. It meant help him He had already given would pass for a good Alsatian the best watch dogs, if that is nothing to him so he paid no up his big bungalow and moved further heed to it and continu- into a small two-roomed apparted to meditate bitterly on his ment How hard it was to give rapidly deteriorating financial up the way of life one had got so used to all these years. The habits and things acquired over It was almost two years now the years gradually became such tely he looked more like his since he had retired as Office a part of one's being that to mother than his father Budhu, m Writers' give any of them up was like wife had died loosing a part of one's body itself Those two dogs for moff their two grown-up daugh-ters. He smiled as he thought of his family. He even missed how happy and surprised his his lost wife and departed wite would be if she knew how daughters less because of them, well he had accomplished the but they were costing him a task Both girls were now well large sum to maintain-The dogs! He sat up suddenly So cellent future prospects. But it that was why the remark of had cost money In fact, it had one of the gentlemen in the cost almost the entire bank corner had registered on his



"You must be quite proud of your unstolen idol."



"In this film designed to promote integration, you marry a head-hunter from the North-East and change his food

quite easily He knew people what you want a dog for." who had spent large sums of money just to acquire an Alsa-diate interest "Yes, yes," he tian Kalu was a cross between said eagerly "That is exactly a pure Alsatian bitch and a what I want a dog for." He drop street mongrel dog but fortuna- ped his supercilious tone comthe other dog was Kalus bro-quite often My wife died some ther but had taken after then years ago and my children are father

Bishamber was no dog fancier in the real sense, yet he ly on my old servant I thought had always been fond of dogs He had a knack of training them Kalu and Budhu had been with him for almost three years and they responded now to the movement of his little a well-trained, pure-bied dog finger He would find it haid to part with Kalu who was his and unstituting service under favourite, but if he could get during his service. Not all the could sell one of them. Kalu a good price for him he would have to make the sacrifice He noticed that the two gentlemen were preparing to leave an impulse he leaned forward day' and said. "Excuse me sirs, I "O did not mean to listen in to vour conversation but I could untrustworthy," said the gentle-not help hearing the remark that man hurriedly "Only, he has one of you is looking for a good dog

Both gentlemen looked him up and down superciliously Then one of them growled rather than spoke. Yes, I said so Do you know where I can get one?

His superior tone annoyed Bishamber and helped him to overcome any scruples he may have had against lying

"I am a dog breeder myself," he replied in an off-hand way "I have at the moment some

The gentleman showed immepletely as he went on "You see I have to go out of Calcutta all abroad, so when I am away, I have to leave my house entirea dog on the premises would be a good idea

"It would be the best idea," said Bishamber boldly. He assumed the superior an now, "In you will get lovalty, tauthfulness even the most trying cucumstances and, above all, the dog will expect nothing from you in icturi Qualities, sir, you will On not find in the servant of to-

> "Oh! I don't mean that my servant Maitra is unfaithful or grown too old now and I want a dog to assist him in his job."

> "Quite, quite," Bishamber muttered. "If you are interested in an Alsatian, permit me to shall we say, tomorrow morning?" Then 22 44 thought had struck him he paused and said, 'Oh, better still you might like to come to my kennels and select one for yourself" He waited, scarcely breathing, for the man's reply "No, no!" said the gentleman

pure bred Aslatians. They make to Bishamber's relief. "I shall

tended his card.

"Ten O-clock tomorrow morwarn you sir, my price will be high, because my breeds are pure.

The gentleman only smiled as he departed with his friend Bishamber rubbed his hands togather with satisfaction The fish was on the hook He had handed him

'S Sen, Advocate, 15 Judges Court Road, Alipur, Calcutta, he road

Half of that night Bishamber spent in bathing and brushing Kalu to make him more presentill he could hardly open his mouth for another command a leash, looking as handsome as the purest bred Alsatian, he felt sure.

Bishainber's first look at the imposing mansion that was 15 Judges Court Road, caused him some misgivings as to his good sense in choosing its owner for the fraud he was about to perpetrate, Surely the owner of such a house would be well inwould refuse to buy the animal Squaring his shoulders with his resolve renewed, Bishamber had the lessure now marched through the gate confidence in himself

All his fears proved unfounded Both Mr Sen and his old

respect your expert judgment even have to start on the long in the matter." With that he ex- list he had prepared to show the dug's good points, nor did he have to put the dog through ning, then," said Bishamber the tricks he had rehearsed. It taking the card "But I must was only when Mr Sen was was only when Mr Sen was handing him a cheque for five hundred rupees, the sum be had holdly blurted out expecting to make a stand at half that amount after the haggling he was sure would follow, but which never came, that he felt the first twinge of concienceonly to land it now. He looked not at defrauding Mr. Sen, but at the card the gentleman had at exchanging his beloved Kalu for the money

"By what name does he go?" asked Mr. Sen digging his fingers lovingly into Kalu's thick fur

A jealous rage filled Bisham-ber as he saw Kalu reach up table He rehearsed the few and lick Mr Sen's face. It was tricks he had taught the dog only the crinkling of the cheque in his fingers which kept him from grabbing Kalu's leash from exhaustion. A final brush- and dashing out of the house down next morning and he was He was giving the dog away, on his way to Alipur with Kalu but he would not let anyone running along beside him on use the beloved name at least "Bhalu," he said

"A fitting name," replied Mr Sen stroking Kalu along hack

Kalu did not even attempt to follow as Bishamber left the house Outside the gate Bishamber pulled out the cheque and looked at it age'n. It was true. He had money again and his financial troubles were over, at formed about dogs! But the die least for a while. His scheme was cast now. At the worst he had worked He may be able to think up some other schemes for making more money He A new confidence in himself flowed through him.

prising swiftness. He did not by checking if the product he ed



"You forget we're not sitting on the old 'gaddis',"

had supplied was working satisfactorily, but deep down he knew it was just to get a glimpse of Kalu whose loss no amount of dwelling on the financial sccurity he had achieved could compensate. He was not quite sure what he expected to find, but here, I have no worry at all as the sight of Kalu looking healthy and on the best of terms with his new master caused hum an unpleasantly sharp pang of jealousy. Mr Sen's praises of the dog's excellent qualities and good be-except for a brisk wagging of haviour annoyed rather than his tail, gave Bishamber no pleased hun Mr Sen had received Bishamber most cordially and invited him into his drawing 100m. All the time they chatted, Kalu sat next to Mr. Sen's chair accepting the continuous stroking of his hair by Mr. Sen with an attitude of so callously passed on to languorous enjoyment.

another, spurning all the love languorous enjoyment.

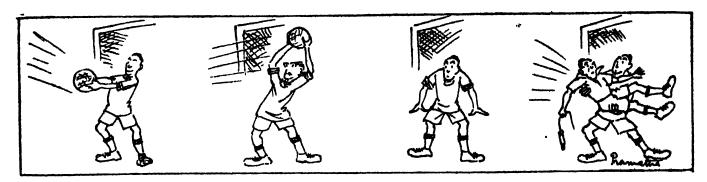
Four days later he decided permits him to change masters servant Matra seemed to fall to call at Mi Sen's residence so easily, thought Bishamber many years. The enormity of his in love with Kalu the very first again to see how Kalu was be-bitterly. He made no attempt crime came home to Bishammoment they set eyes on him having He tried to convince to go to Kalu and pet him, nor ber. The deal was closed with the himself that it was purely out did Kalu show any inclination Next week: 2 THE BUSINESS greatest of ease and with sur- of a desire to help his customer to come up to him to be pett-

'I shall be leaving for Jorhat at the end of this week and shall be away for a month," Mr Sen was saying. Bishamber listened politely but was itching to get away now. Mr. Sen continucd. "Now that Bhalu is to the safety of my house."

"I'm so glad you are satisfi-ed," replied Bishamber and got up to leave

Mr. Sen came up to the door as Bishamber went out. Kalu, other sign of remembrance of a companionship which he had shared with his old master for almost three years. Bishamber left with a heavy heart. He knew this was Kalu's way of showing his own hurt at being It is the mongrel in him that and affection he had showered on him (Bishamber) for so

L. J. G.



-FILMS-

"Our Agent Flit"

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The theme is as old as the hills, or at least as new as "How I Stopped Worrying and Learned to Love the Bomb " A world, centred in the State Department, Washington, poised on the knife-edge of nuclear disester, brought to this point by a series of inexplicable corny diplomatic incidents. A sinister plot smash it the darling of all the clucking helplessly in Washington, our agent Flit.

And what's he doing? Grunting out karate strokes, fencing, checkmating at chess, swimming, questions out the answers from the other—vest of deutsch marks scotch, It's Flit

After being completely baffled for three quarters of the THE movie is Italian, the hero film, it suddenly dawns (on the looks like a mash up of Bel- hero and the audience) that the mondo and Bogart, the herome baddies are a set of superhua cross between Stressand and man, celestial creatures out to Vitti, and the story is one long, spark off an intermeme confla-thin string of spoofs on J. Bond gration among the human race and Our Man Flint. It sounds as then own moral code pre--awful, and could be, if you have vents them from destroying life had a glut of spoofs on spoofs directly Their chief instrument But if you are recovering from is the Vitti-Streisand creature an overdose of cerebration or and of course she falls for Belsumply suffering from heat mondo-Bogart, despite hundreds stroke, then the unpretentiously of years of torgetting the art of juvenile gags of this film will kissing and the dread of fish on her planet.

> The soup is thickened with a side plot in the form of smersh type take-offs on We-Know-Who Smirnofi (as in vodka), the Chief, has the classic throw away line with, "Get him Dostoevsky" when a munon tries to trip up Flit

The sten-gun rapidity of puns and the only man who can and ridiculous situations keeps to a consistent level of schoolinternational bigwigs who sit boy humour and they have the virtue at least of not trying to assume a disguise of surrealistic fantasy, which made "Casmo Royale" such a bore

Flit, whistling Beethoven's (surgical), feeding Fifth as a secret code, Flit, esinto his computed caping death by firing squad brain thio' one ear and picking with a home-made bullet-proof all, more or less, simultaneous- mark is very solid, it can stand ly. Oh, and five girls, and a any crisis", Flit willingly makpeevish complaint that his ing an ass of himself with acrowhisky smells of Cornish malt baties worthy of our own Mohwhen it should be Highland mood It's ninety minutes of a silly giggle



"First I must ascertain if there is In officer here and if so where he is now, before I can get him to trace your раретв'



"After having made all these allegations against the old party, the time has come now to declare that you are rejoining it

"Badi Deedi"

Poor Nanda: She suffers, and suffers, and sulfers some more The tragedy queen of the Indian screen hasn't much to do m this film except ery, and she does that very well.

As 'tragedy' Badı Deedi does not fit under any of the classic norms, Nanda doesn't have a fatal flaw unless you count perfection. She is deprived of her babup who lands himself in trouble through an unnecessary act of enanty, she is nearly raped by an only villam, she restrains herself from sacred matumony with Jectendra so that her cousins may fust be settled, and for all her cheerfully borne panis she loses Jectendra, who dies the death of a hero in cident

Jeetendra is an army officer and a good, clean lad, younger and more likeable than the normal run of heroes. His last words to his father are "Be proud that your son died in the 'seva' of his country." The script tries to carry this element of patriotism college show depicting the actors.

Large Issues of the day national integration, uplift of women, family planning and so forth. This pageant incidentally, drew a cheer from the authence

The photography is pedestrian, the plot is thin, the characters are rubber-stamped, the music nondescript. For all this, the film is rather emoyable. The reason for this can be ascribed to the cutie's essentially bourgeois sympathies which respond to family diamas. But praise must also be given to the pace which is fast, the restrained use of songs and dances, and the totally ridiculous Mehmood A good performance has also been extracted from Om Prakash

It would be nice to believe some day that we, as a people some unexplained fray/war/ac- are capable of strength through trial without the preliminary of mandlin sentiments and copious weeping-which is not just a weakness of the famale sex, but extends itself to grown up men But the director had to keep to the equation of family diama equals tears

Footnote colour photography as a leitmotif through the film, shows up the hard-living, mudwith Nanda doing her bit in a dy, blood shot eyes of Bombay

Spotting a man of crisis

Bombay 1969 (PP ix + 118, price Rs 15/-).

WHO is a 'man of crisis'? first thing to say therefore very last sentence in the book about Mr Kale's book is that proper "I think Chavan has a he should have dwelt a little better chance—than any other more on why he considers Mr

A success story par excelso much so that it needs to be told better than Mr. Kale does The interim nature of the sucnarrative, as it may be partly We are too near the events, etc

B. B. Kale CHAVAN MAN OF CRISIS Sindhu Publication gone through the mill, had his to choose between Nehru and

In any case, Mr Kale would There is no politician who not agree that the high-waterdoes not seem to be, until the mark of his hero's career may decisive crisisl Some have the have been already reached. good luck or horse-sense not For evidence that the acme is to be men of the cuses that yet to be, the author has Welles may spell disaster, and therein Hangen's book ready on hand, we have success stones. The a quotation from which is the better chance—than any other politician now in the running Chavan to be the 'Man of to become a durable and dis-Crisis and not morely a suc-cessful politician India" (P. 104) Those foreign glays know then onions, and watch out for the next lence Chavan's undisputedly is, change, seems to say Mr. Kale, though not in so many words

Whatever the future may cess story may be classed as a have in store, there has been encounstance extenuating the enough in Chavan's career to not-so-very-high quality of the date for a competent appraisal. Might not have been a logcabin beginning, but an humble among men, always willing to and the career is still unfolding, enough one, didn't start off at lend a helping hand. So

share of private sorrows. Then Samyukta Maharashtra, I shall independence came, since which time Chavan never put his foot wrong in a big way, to speak from a personal success view-point Result always in office, each change for the better, and presently Delhi his home! No wonder one chapter of Mr. Kale's is 'The National Leader'

If Mr Kale again means by National Leader someone in Dellif, Chavan is that beyond doubt But then, there are three score others besides! The important point is that while at Bombay Chavan could afford to be apparently preoccupied with the nation at large (an impression those at Boinbay still retain, as exemplified by Mr Kale), because there was those days at Dellu that giant a high level in public life, Chavan could say "If I have

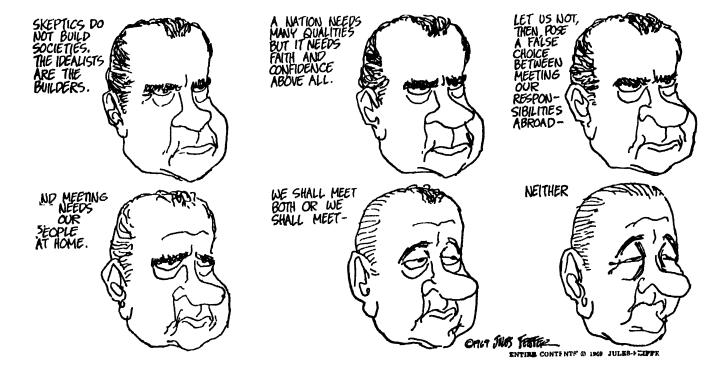
be for Nehru." (P 25).

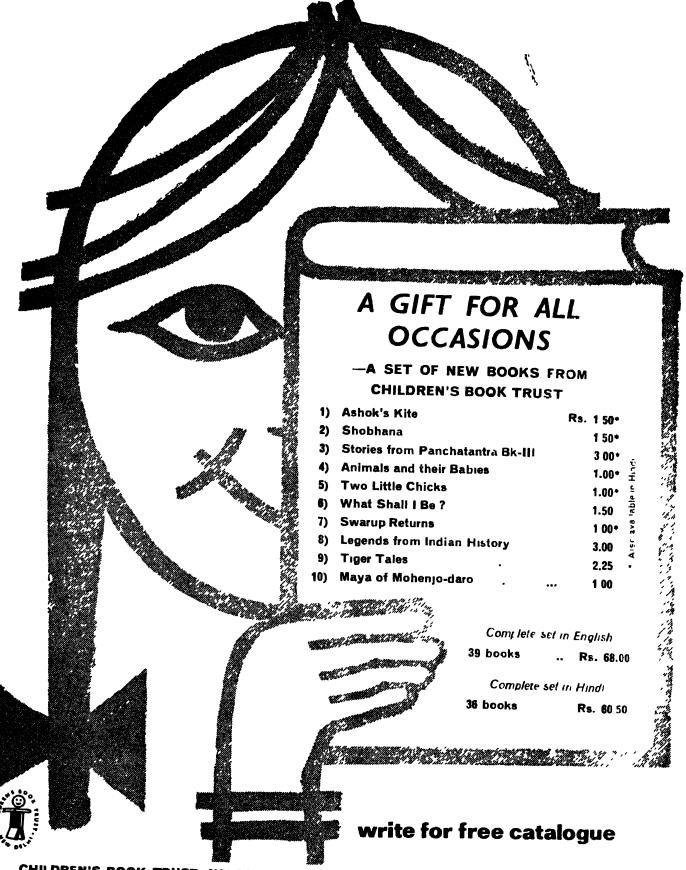
But Chavan's shift to Delhi was at a time when Nehru was fast ceasing to be a significant source of power. So Chavan took care to leave his heart behind at Bombay. This obvidefines and ously lımits Chavan's truly national role, his particular position at any moment, as others', being a of the balance of function groups The next change could as likely be to the home base as to the summit!

The story of Chavan should be set out, to be revealing, on the Maharashtia background pumarily Mr. Kale does this no doubt, but in a sketchy way, partly because he is preocenpied with projecting a national mage of Chavan.

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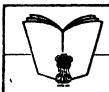
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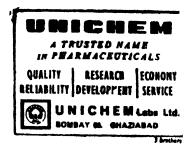
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FREE THINKING

THE release of the E-M-S-Namboodiripad-A-K-Gopalan letter has aroused predictable emotions. It is as if the Marxist Communists have shown their dirty slip they are not making use of the administrative machinery to better the lot of people but to arouse class hatreds and "unleash discontent". The popular press never well-informed, has lapped it all up and made heavy swipes against a government that wants to bring about disorder and chaos.

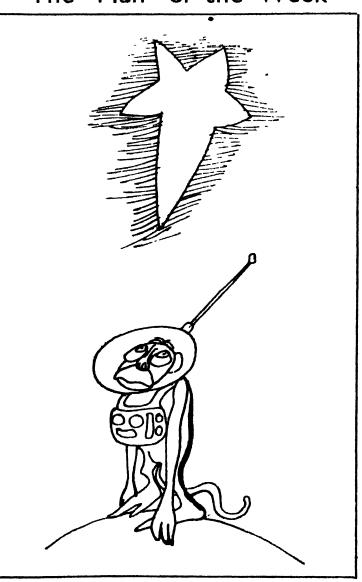
The truth is that the letter is a pathetic document revealing the contradiction miside a party that cannot relate the objective political situation with its programme. The obvious answer is that the programme is wrong but this the Marxist cannot admit because it was accepted in different circumstances and its present rejection will provide the Chinese and the pro-Chinese groups in India with heavy ammunition against themselves. The CPI(M) is staggering from one theoretical premise to another, while in the governments in which it is represented it is fulfilling the conditions of what it calls "bourgeois democracy". This is landing it in the oddest positions.

In short, the CPI(M) has taken up the untenable position that by its mere presence, the UF governments are progressive in nature but from the larger ideological point of view the State is bourgeois, limited by a Constitution framed by "landlords and capitalists" Unable to resolve this contradiction, the Marxists have now trained their guiss on the "bourgeois" allies of the United Front. But in Kerala this tactic has boomeranged on the CPI(M) which now finds that most of the more important constituents of the United Front are ranged against it. It is Mr. Naniboodiripad's turn now to plead that his party should not be isolated.

The bald truth is that the split in the Indian Communist Party was not over fundamentals It was purely a factional move intended to oust certain leaders who because of their total subservience to Moscow were unremovable from the higher echelons of the organisation. But the split had to be given a respectable tag and so-called theoreticians borrowed the expression employed by China in her fight against the Soviet Union Chinese support was anticipated, but China by supporting the Naxalites condemned the CPI(M) as another revisionist splinter group All the while the old programme, now meaningless in the new context, has stood. Mr Gopalan and Mr Namboodiripad have now made this tattered effort to tie the loose ends of the programme with the actual practice of running a State. The result is one godawful mess! The popular press is foolish (that's is not new) in simulating fear at the unleashing of popular discontent. They and the CPI(M) will find that when it is unleashed it will be against the State governments in which the latter is represented.

The 'Man' of the Week

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PLEASE TURN OVER FOR PEN PORTRAIT

The 'Man' of the Week

THE Englishman with his cocker refusing to be evacuated from danger unless he can take his dog along with him is one of those stock themes in folkre And when the Russians sent two dogs up in space the late 'Cassandia' of the "Daily Mirror" wrote in horror and angush of the logs all alone up there That anguish was obviously jeighed because no English sleep has been disturbed by the leath of Bonny, the space monkey Perhaps that is berause Bonny was sent up by the Americans and the Eng. lish liberal or radical or Tory, whatever then other differences, always abuse themselves before the Ameri cans If the monkey had been shot off other by the Russians or by the Chinese, u hat prous platitudes might have poured out of the ani mal-lowing British press!

Did Bonny have to die? Almost after the first day he had begun missing signals altogether or reacting wrongly It was quite obvious that ulthout the presence of humans the monkey was termfied of his environment in space But scientific experiments brook no generosity. particularly when they are undertaken to advance the

prestige of any country Monkeys have been a special target of man's cruclty, perhaps because in the monkey he sees himself re-flected. The monkey's incessant curiosity, its eleceness about little things, its mimicry, its countduce and sel fishness are the qualities of man when he has divested himself of the little social tricks he has acquired to cover up his inudequacies. That is why the monkey is insected, meeted with germs, put in abnormal situations, is sent up in space

Bonny is another minor casualty resulting from our insatiable greed for power and fame Had space experiments started some centuries ago the Americans might have sent up a nigger instead of a monkey, or the English a Chinese It is a matter of some satisfaction for them that the monkey is a replacement for themselves

Dear Moonling

I thought I might write to you before my boys landed up (or is it down?) there, for Neil and his fellows are landing under a decree signed by me, a decree issued under the Seal of the President of the United States I suppose you know what that means. Who doesn't know?

Now, what we should like you to get straight is this we are coming there on behalf of all mankind Of course, that exclu- Dear Moon Ling, des the Chinese During the days of the President (that's tke my boss) it would have excluded the Russians also But now the Bussians have become decent people, and even my other boss the late Joe MacCarthy wouldn't have minded being called a Soviet-style Communist Well, the thing is, mankind is such a complex quantity that there isn't any one explanation as to what it is Does it include all colour of people? Till recently even Americans believed it did But now we have agreed upon two separate mankinds white and black

What do we require of the moon? Certainly, it's a legiti-mate question or you to ask Understanding friendship and possibly minerals and a military base What else does anyone want anywhere?

So long, dear moonling Look out for the Scal of the President of the United States of America, and rest assured the boys mean no harm.

Yours etc.

Dear Faith Ling,

letter lies here on my table, and and next week some weirdie up here in one of those science fiction capsules Which is all very well, but against this is the formidable mass of facts given us by our space-watching computers in other words our reason holds out against the Dear Earth Ling,

Understanding

an atmosphere, but only decay up a steady interest in your afup here. Knock at our crater doors with your strip comic war ery, "Take me to your leader!" Still we will stick to our seirecognise you

from outer space

Yours etc Moon Ling

Your reply, I'm afraid, put me off For one thing, I had always thought you were a moonhig and not Mr Moon Ling which sounds horribly Chinese For another, you've called me Farth Ling, and one from outer space We are not from outer space, but from earth, which earth and not space Its plan logic, and I can't see why you don't get it Then, about your science it-

self. What kind of science is it that can't recognise an American when it sees him? I tell you, Mr. Lang even if you forget your science, you can recoguse an American without any difficulty He will be tall, broad-shouldered, will husky, will talk with authority and at the end of it all offer to buy you up with dollars

About air and water, I thought your conclusions were dangerous The only ones who live without air and water are the Viet Cong, and as you might have realised through monitoring VOA's external services, the Richard Nixon Viet Cong are our enemies If you subscribe to their view of life, then I'm afraid we will Your strange and mecherent have to draw the American Secourty Line across the moon. We yet, as I write this, I am hard- will have to get your infra-strucly convinced it is real For one ture too, and you with your thing we haven't proof enough craters ind tunnels, have plento believe that life exists on ty of it We will have to plaster earth True you have written, you with napalm, all the while trying to buy you up with dolcalled Neil accompanied by two lars Dollars and napalm in one other weirdies are going to land deal, just imagine Mr Ling Let's see if any moonling resists itl

Regards

Yours etc Richard Nixon

You have also water, yet ano- fairs We have monitored all ther anti-life factor, Okay, land your TV and radio transmissions by means of our infallible psycho-scientific machines One thing that has convinced us of your cannibalistic nature is your once and reason and refuse to obsession with teeth, dental creams and mouth odours. Un-Good luck nonexistent friend less you are perpetually goring each other and cating up your fellow earthlings, why on the moon do you need to run those long and obscene commercials on teeth and the care of teeth? You talk of the Viet Cong, we have managed to get some information about the Viet Cong too Your TV transmissions monitored here show you kill that other kind of earth creature. the short and agile Vict Cong And after every killing, the commercial about teeth and the care of teeth!

Well, all this is beside the point, because we don't recognise your existence And re-niember, a group of creatures who can spend so much money on intruding on another world and bacterially contaminating it while their own fellow beings die of hunger, while they have ghettoes, wars and violence, can't be real people. They must be nightmare people, and hence non-existent

We stick to this position

Yours etc Moon Ling

CACTUS

Odd Signs

At an automobile repair shop somewhere in Bombay

All workers are daily wages

At a nursing home in Banga-

Dogs Beware

mens toilet of a Outside stadium in Ludhiana

For Mails

Note: Items for 'Odd Sign.' should be factual and not in-cented and should as far as possible be in facsimile. Senders possibility of life on earth For Your second letter was altoone thing there is air on your gether weird. Though we don't issues of the Weekly for every
planet, and no life is possible in recognise you, we have kept tem published.—Ed., S.W.

Nuisance Value



The Congress "Young Turks' have declared they would take up the party's socialist programme-

States' Round-up

West Bengal

The United Front government is now getting what it always deserved. Students are on the rampage. Pandemonium flourishes in the Legislative Assembly. The Congress Party is on the offensive drawing blood The Ravindra Sarobar business is getting along well There are doublts about who really looted the ammunition train Wagondepredators or Naxalites?

More heartening is the rift in The Marxists are at odds with all the other parties of the front. This may well lead to schisms followed by shisms become the Chief Minister himwithm schisms Ultimately they are going to put their foot wrong somewhere and get beaten over the head The Chambers of Commerce have done their little bit. The police have done theirs. The jotedars have not let the side down

has to be a liberation struggle. have defectors except in Mad-The spate of political murders hya Pradesh or UP. With Balraj has got to be checked. Dharma Madhok supporting

there is no difference between and no questions asked the CPI, the CPI(M) and the the public and lull them into a the inquiry commissions set up sense of complacency

Bihar

Of course, Haribai Singh has a majority in the State Assem bly. If the opposition does not have one, and nobody wants mid-term elections, obviously the answer is Harihai Singh That is because the Raia cannot self He can if the joins the Congress but who knows how the Congress will turn?

Bhola Paswan may have buist into poetry once upon a time but he is a sorry man today His supporters have fled The Jana Sangh has shown a great What of the future? There deal of good sense. It just won't Saniiva

Vira must get his pay Freedom Reddy, the Jana Sangh can in been broken. It is no longer and civil liberties cannot be time join the Congress right even talking about cows They crushed. The plain fact is that wing as full-fledged members only fear that Navahtes wreek-

But that is a larger question Naxalites If they are murdering. The issue now is whether the the irresponsible stand that one another, that is only to fool. Bihai ministry should abolish all, there are no Navalites, where so far to buy some political peace The bigwigs who really control the organisation do not want inquiries. They bring bad odour to the State What stability requires is abolition of commissions Surely this is a small price to pay

Uttar Pradesh

Nothing fresh has happened since it was proved that there was unity in Congress ranks after the resignation of Kamalapathi Tripathi Mi C B Gupta has managed to instill freshness into the organisation and the party is rearing to take part in the Presidential election so that the Right man can win and en- kites. But its following is imsure the transition period after pressive It has a large number the general election

mg trams are not brought to book. The government has taken train accidents have occurred But it is their duty then to import some They help to keep up morale

The BKD is however a different cup of tea. After its support to a seprarte. Telengana there is every chance that West UP may want a State for itself. This is a terrible amoutation and in future Prime Munisters may have to come from States other than UP No one will stand for this Let there be no mistake that all parties are opposed to a non UP person as PM If the worst comes to the worst they may all vote for Mis. Indua Gandhi

The BKD may only be flying of MLAs and its talks with The Jana Sangh's back has Swatautra and Jana Sangh can

comes if an amalgamation through But we have faith in second language the Jana Sangh here and they ensuring breakdown of talks from the Jana Sangh or from the BKD This is the crucial question Perhaps, as many people say, they should recruit CBG into the party. That would solve all problems

Punjab

The crisis is over because there was no crisis. That is the eleverness of Sardar Gumam Singh and Bahamdasp Tandon They were just trying to test out how strong they were vis avis their own parties, and the Congress. They are right on top. Hindi will continue to be spoken by Punjabis and Punjabe will be also talked by Punja bis and anyone who speaks any thing else is an enemy agent.

Much consternation is felt however by the invitation cx opposer of Hindi. He is a Diavidian who may even claim one day that Pumjab Smith and other places were originally part of the Dravidian civilisation — He-has also said that he is supporting V V Giri for the Presi-

convert it into an effective party whether there is not a move here to make Madrassi the The learned among them have looked into are sure to touch prickly matters the Constitution and contend that there is no language as The real fear is who will be the Madrassi inscribed in the scheleader of a united party, a man dule. The matter may well go up to the Supreme Court Meanwhile every move in Madras and Chandigarh is being studied with interest

Madhya Pradesh

The Congress government is doing very nicely. Already several factions have developed in the organisation and violent speeches against rivals are being made all the time. This is just like the old times and at the various district levels the party has picked up amazingly

The collapse of the SVD is mmisters cannot give pationages supporters fice in all disections. The Rajmata is no longer even news. The only problem is how best to silence D P. Mishia. With that coint case. tended to Mr. Karunamidhi to he will have to be sweetened the Punjab. The man is a known, for six years or more. And thereare sub-State movements in Mahakoshal and Chhatisgarh

Rajasthan

The drought has done one good thing A lot of money has flowed into the State. This has dency. Why then has the Chief, been handy for officials toming. Felengana is viable, old Mysore, the ghost of Sir Mirza Ismail. Minister invited him over here? all over to give aid and susten- is doubly viable. The fact is



'With his knowledge of card tricks he makes the best of the gherao'

the rains have started and we State because under the Mahaare expecting floods. This may mean a little more money Or simply amazing. The moment if there are no rams there could speaking areas. The people are be a drought. That will require a good deal of money

lapsed Nobody knows what went wrong The Maharani just doesn't care anymore. She has her cookery book and remains in the kitchen all the time. Old Swatantia men are whispering struggle. No burning of buses that it is wrong to put trust in princes Well, how about that?

Mysore

about to get their chance. If The Jana Saugh is worrying ance to our starying folk. Now that My-ore is not really one

rajah one section was far in advance of the rest of the Kannada more broad in outlook and do not fly off the handle when-The Swatantra Party has col- ever Nath Par mentions Belgaum. Nor are we wortted about Udipi These are on the periphery of the State It is the heart that matters

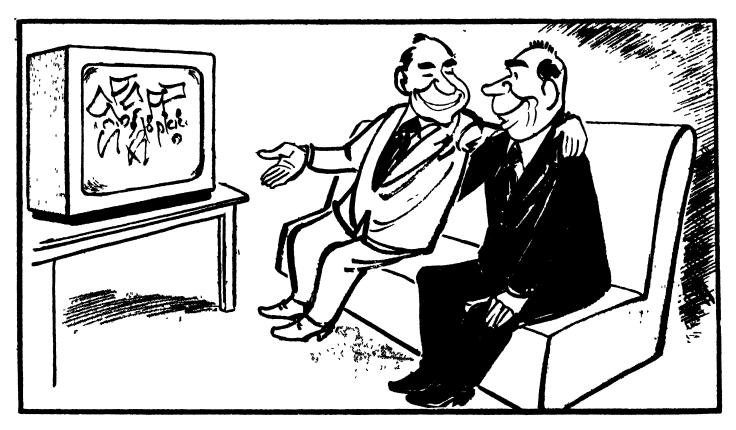
But it will be a peaceful or removal of rail tracks Just plan jail going in strict disciplace You see, this agitation is not against anyone. Nnalingap-At last the Vokkaligas are pa or Lingavats or what haveyou It is for old. Mysore and

AGASIYA



Picsident Nixon cancelled his dunner with the Apollo-II spacemen for fear of contamination

Loves' Labours' Lost?



Fifty-one non-aligned countries are meeting in Belgrade in a consultative conference

The train to Bangalore

SINCE the fateful day, the no netas entitled to more ex are trying to get int. And is compan, Say what won will, -Pandit Purana Panchang be- how the debate went longing to the dumnest peri-phery of the Syndicate They Tarun Turki Nami corridors of 7 Jantar Mantar wangle the ticket in the same ferred to the court Secondly, it you pretend -we share, as 1 Road and similar neutral ground compartment as mme I am tru- my recollection is right, the base often told you before, one and there has grown a certain ly touched. How did you PM's house is usually referred—thing neuther of us is a neta love-hate relationship between manage it? Friends at court no to as.

We are common garden Conthem. They are small fry really, doubt , and each is afraid to compromise himself by association with respective partisans too serious- days is full of your friends. My ly helps. I have reported their friends as you call them, are chit-chat from tune to time in being strenuously kept away these columns and now on their from the court. way to Bangalore (travelling third class, of course, they being

two got into each other's pensive modes of travel) they for getting a ticket well, I don't comrade-to lapse into your way trying to escape the fire in are once again at their familiar bave to tell to which faction the language, I am never as comthe Congress pandal in Fanda- debate. It speaks volumes for Railway Minister belongs. We fortable in any company as in bad, there has grown an invisi-ble bond between Tarun Tirki, bind them that they had arrang-belonging to the Young Tirki ed to travel together Here, as repeating without meaning any 1.1 faction in the Congress and near as makes no difference, is offence the cheap tibe about same here

Tarun Turki Namaste, combump into each other in the rade I am glad you could Saab First it was you who ic- keep on telling you as deep as

the PM's house being a court

TT What I was about to Pandit P.P. Bhai Saab, don't tell you when you so rudely the other but something draws take on that lofty tone about interrupted me, was that when them together-perhaps the fact friends at court. It is not even it comes to fixing a railway ticthat the hard core of either fac- a case of the kettle calling the ket, you have greater pull than Friend as I am with you, I hold tion does not really take its pot black For the "court" these I have Not that I am not right to my ideology steadfastly glad that you were able to swing it

> So am I It is a long journey to trial election? I gather from your TT But my! How hard they Bangalore and I badly wanted side reference to "my friends"

T. T. Same here Bhai Saab

PPP Thank you Despite PPP Now not so fast, Bhar our differences which are not, I gressmen and so have a natural

> TT Bhai Saab, you are trymy insidiously to corrupt me

PPP Let us not argue about that, Bhar Saab Tell me, what PPP So am I, Bhai Saab is the latest about the Presiden

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"Today is my 25th day in office You might arrange to celebrate the silver jubilee

President.

TT It has nothing to do with Sanuva Reddy Caru or V V Giri Garu

PPP How you give yourself away! Is it not the claim Mi Reddy on an unwilling of your faction, if I may call PM it that without offence, that the PM has no candidate? And yet etc., since there is no Andbra PM has no candidate yet within ear shot-as a candidate for the office

TT My God, you outrage me Of course, the PM has not indicated her connection. And then there is you the convention that has unconsciously developed of the Vice President becoming the Presi- it? dent when an opportunity oc curs

PPP It is nice to hear a Young Turk talk about conven- The Syndicate's real choice for tions But why should Mr Giri the office? Is it Kamaraj? be the next President?

is so very compelling about Mi Samiya Reddy becoming the President?

PPP Now, now let us not quairel All right, I agree that there is no special reason why according to your friends, he is Mr Samua Reddy our next President

trying to break into the court roused now) So that is the game you disapprove of Sanjiva of the Syndicato? I always knew Reddy Garu becoming the that there was a snag here Now for whom is Mr Reddy a stand in, fall guy, dummy

> PPP Bhai Saab, mind your language And you are a strange chap like your friends First, you accuse us of trying to foist

TT I did not say unwilling you at once mention Mr Giri-- PM Please don't misquote As we may count out the Garu I have repeatedly told you, the

PPP All right, all right First you object to our alleged preference to Mr Reddy for the office and when I tell you preference for that we have no particular pre-Mr Giri or for that matter any ferences you accuse us of settother candidate. But is it not ing traps and say nasty things the most natural thing on earth about Mr. Reddy, which he will for him to be thought of in this never forgive you if he heard

TT Cut it all out Who is

PPP What is what?

TT The chosen candidate?

PPP No, no Kamary has T Γ If it comes to that what no intention of becoming the President

> TT Then who is it? Is it Jaguvan Ram?

PPP Jagjivan Ram? But should be not part of the Syndicate

T.T Don't split hairs, man I (His suspicions fully did not say that the candidate

supported by you must neces- Rashtrapati Bhavan. And then Syndicate

PPP.. That is very strange As I have it from the newspapers, the argument runs thus man in Rashtrapati Bhavan who will keep the PM in check and since anyone who becomes President will outlast the present government, the Syndicate is reportedly out to take no chances and will have their own man there Am I right?

Well, that sounds reasonable enough as indicative of the devious mind of the What about the Syndicate PM's pointed reference, a pro-pos of nothing, of the need for a President who will work in the closest cooperation with the PM? What sort of meaning do you read into that? And that never let you down. Who is the neat little confusion about consensus on a President and the in mind, of course, their real attempt to take the issue candidate? outside the Congress Parliamentary Board's purview?

TT For a mind as twisted as the cork screw the most innocent remarks become sinister

PPP Never mind my corkscrew mind Let us to our mut tons, if the Syndicate backs Mr Jagjivan Ram, how can it en sure that it will have its man in the Rashtrapati Bhavan?

TT Oh! There are ways and ways Mi Jagjiyan Ram may join the Syndicate himself "If you can't beat them, join them." You ought to know the dictum more than I

PPP What if he does not play ball? He may join the PM, the moment he is installed in

sarily be a member of the what prize all the alleged ma-•chmations?

T.T. Well, that is the occupational hazard of the kind of politics your friends play the Syndicate wants to have a Remember it was they who made Mis. Gandhi the PM once. And how they have regretted it since! Never mind all this. Who is their candidate if it is not Sanjiva Reddy?

> P.P.P. (Confidentially) All right, will you keep a confidence if I tell you?

> T.T Of course, word of a boy scout's honour.

> PPP.. It will cost me my ticket at the next election if it gets about.

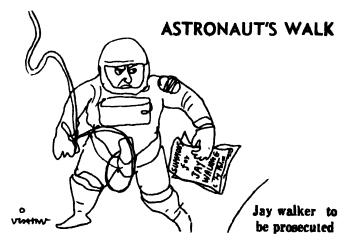
TT Have no fear. I shall, compromise candidate they have

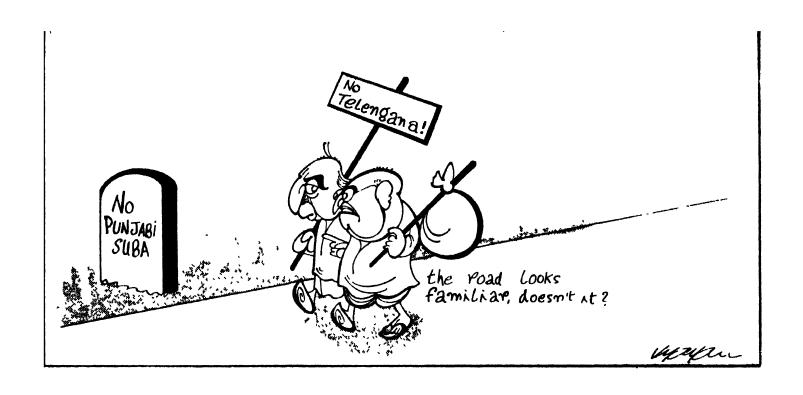
(whispers it) It is Mrs Gandhi herself!

T'T' So that is the game, is it? They want to send her up-Well, I never!

PPP It is hard to please some people. Here I am telling you that the Syndicate wishes to end the rift in the Congress and make the supreme gesture of making Mrs Gandhi's position secure till 1972 Well, she will have no elections to fight, won't she? And why are you whining then? There is no pleasing some people. Come. Here is Mathura Station Let us get down for a 'paan'

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Cool thinking in Complexcity

WHEN Mukhya Mantri despatched
(for safety's sake
in duplicate
one to our main in Complexcity,
the other to Perplexcity)
When by personal messengers despatched
His long-awaited resignation
His long-demanded resignation,
He added as an after-thought
This indelicate parting-shot
"This is my benign
offer to resign
to aid cool thinking —
please, no more blinking!"

The Mukhya Tantri got it The Karya Tantri got it They summoned the Committee To meet in Complexcity

The Tantris came
The Mantris came
And Mukhya Mantri came invited
Yet not a whit deflated
Though heavily insulated
And duly protected

Embracing the Mantri Chief
Said the august Tantri Chief
"Hail, hail, Brahmanandal
All hail, Satchidanandal
I admire you,
I congratulate youl
I deeply deeply sympathise,
These days are not for Lions, but Micel"

To him the Mantri made reply: "Tantri dear, ex-Mantri dear, What use is sympathy?
But could you back me without tear,
I might still becalin my house,
I might still burn aggarbatti
And have a victory carouse

The Tantii Chief now took the cue
And assuming a look of rue,
He sagely serenely said
Comrade Tantiis comrade Mantiis!
We owe it to our wounded friend
To coolly calmly think
Before we dip our pen in ink
To match his resignation
With our, Resolution
This sort of bisection
May jump to vivisection,
Then to fragmentation,
And so to atomisation
Then where are we,
Aye, you and me."

The Tantus wiped their tear-stained eyes And found at last the appropriate word "Wornwood, wormwood!"

And so the Tantri Chief concluded
"I think I must oppose
For the wearer only knows
How the shoe-purching goes,—
Let things go on as before!"

Who could look behind the trance of thundering sound? Who could correctly decipher the sense behind the words? When Dada clinchingly asks "Further division, why?
Teleugana, no!"
He simply means
'What would happen further south's
Must old Mysore separate too?"

'When heaving the Himalayas of his frame
The well-known 'Man of Crisis' says
"I wouldn't be butting
But 1 don't fancy further cutting,'
He really has this thought
'Association of ideas!

Telengana today,
Vidarbha tomorrow!'

When the Seagreen Mantii incorruptibly says
"On Gandhian grounds I oppose,"

On financial grounds I oppose,"

What he unconsciously feels is
"No Telengana today,
No Saurashtra tomorrow!"

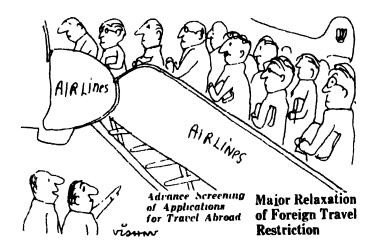
When imperturbably Krishi Raj says
"Who's benefitted by separation?"

Not my hungry generation!"

He has his own trance of thought
"Now's the time to cry halt,
Else Chota Nagpur too will default!"

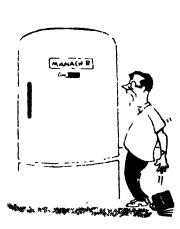
When Mount Tantri says
'All this talk of breakaway
I oppose now straightaway,
What the good soul means is this
"If Channa-Lakshman do the trick,
Subra Lingam will make it tick
And demand statchood for Coumbatore
To add to umpteen states one more!

When the many-times Tantri-Mantri says



"They are all exchange control officials going to verify whether the applicant has really hospitable relatives abroad"





"What nonsense this? Cut and kill?"
I won't certainly foot this bill!"
He's really lost in the stream
Of his own secret consciousness
"They say I'm bloated already
Give an inch now
They'll scream for an ell
Cut me West cut me East,
Cut me north, cut me middle
Cut me everywhere—
And will I be anywhere?"

An eminous lull,
For all have spoken full
Now Dada scents the consensus,
And Dada says his say
"Nothing can be dearer
Than Unity
Nothing can be clearer
Than our opposition
To further division
Nothing can be nobler
Than pulling together
Let our dear friend not press
His resignation";

The Mukhya Mantri was moved to tears
He shook the hands of his peers
Friends in need
Are friends indeed.

The Mukhya Tantri made reply.

"Go in peace, O long-suffering!
Go to Phillipi,
Win your victory,
Win our victory!"

The Mouni Tantri spoke a word "Paarkalaam!"

Down with the rains!

from some well-known author are deeply moving If one were to follow that tradition, the following popular dition, the following popular. There is no denying that rhyme nuglit perhaps do for within reasonable limits, rains this piece

As a rule

Man is a look

When it is hot

He wants cool -

When it is cool

He wants hot,

Always wanting what is not

To which, dear reader one could add

When it is dry

He wants rains

Although it give him cular pains

It is this sembe's firm belief that we all make too much fuss about the monsoon. It is alright as a subject for conversation during. June when the opportune hours which lends loo' blows hot and dust seeps credence to the suspicion that through every chink in the and scan the weather reports

Poets have traded for cen brides pining for their sweet- a defence-less rickshaw? hearts during the iomantic month of 'Sawan', going even

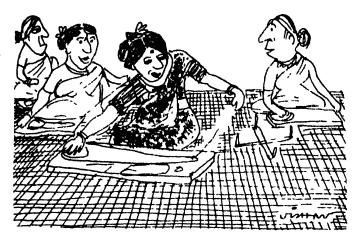
IN times gone by it was usual one. These songs are then for writers to begin essays sung in an-conditioned radio with an appropriate quotation studios by AIR's artistes and

> are good for crops and for manufacturers of umbrellas and ram-coats and also provide livelihood to thousands of people in the meteorological department who draw wonder ful charts showing the progress of depressions from south east and north west and predict likelihood of scattered rainfall in the Gangetic plants' but that is about all

> The time has come to look at the cams realistically and to expese those who are in conspiracy for purely selfish reasons to exploit what is otherwise a very sticky business. In doing so one con-cedes that the first shower about enough to settle the dust has its point. But the monsoon like much else in this land tends to overdo things. As the book of proverbs says It never rams but pours

And it poins at most in

Try to signal a passing car flat but then who needs it to the length of imploring for a litt, or a text, they actualpassing clouds to carry mes- ly put on speed as they pass sages to the absence loved you by and splash a lot of the salt-cellar too hard on to



Won't you tell us how to get the lovely foreign made sarge youre neerings

citch year leaving office Change the office closure time. to 130 pm, and the rank will sharper. But why go on also idvance itself by half an

At home the windows have credence to the suspicion that been letting in torrents of Nature far from being benign water the roofs particularly windows. You ask each other, and beautiful, has a lot of in houses built by public works. "When will the rains come, malice in it. Otherwise why departments, cooperatives and malice in it. Otherwise why departments cooperatives and should it rain incessantly on by landlords for renting out, Sundays and other holidays leak in unexpected and awl- If on had to close with an and from nine to ten-thirty in ward places. The water seeps other quotation how is this turies on dark clouds, thunder, the morning on week-days up from the floor. Telephones lightning and rain and written when you are on your way to and electricity any excuse will touching songs about yound the office on foot, cycle or in do, stop functioning for long spells. For once, there is water in the taps in your first floor

Salt solidifies and if you jerk

haddy water on you from the your dish, the cap comes off puddles on the road. Price and lands a lump of stuff on minutes after you reach office the oraclette. The bread is dripping wet the run stops soger and moulds. So are the Couldn't be a comerdence cereals and pulses in their reservery time! The sky then pective 'air tight containers provided it is light and just clears but starts darkening in The washing does not dry for the afternoon and the rain starts days. A shower a day keeps again at 500 pm, just in time to the dhobil away for a fortingfit Vegetables become dearer the milk thomer and the tempers

> And to third that seientists ne working hard on devising ways to precipitate rain artificially by spraying clouds with solid carbon dioxide or fine sandt

If on bad to close with an from our nursery book?

Ram, 17m go away

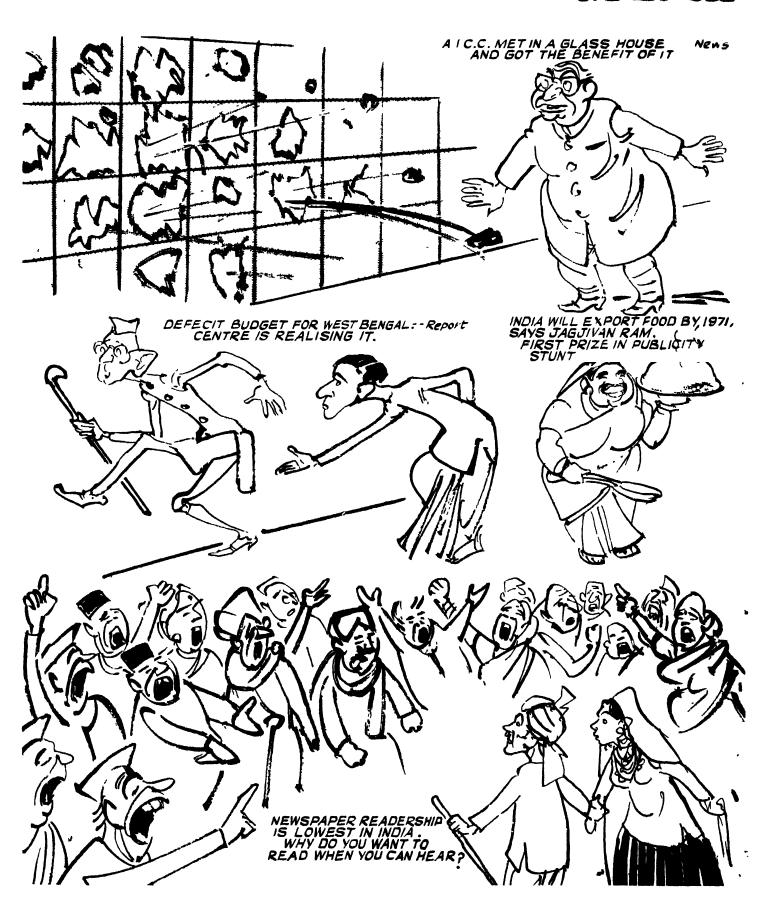
Come again another day

Little Johnny wants to play

HR LITTIRY



March





Tour, as you please

THE reporting on the Prime each other in defence of Asia, its report and even wrote an At one end the Thought week-minister's recent tour of Mrs Gandhi said. This was editorial with equotations from by praised with tongue in cheek Japan and Indonesia provided top news, considering how New the Prime Minister's not-open- Mrs. Gandhi's capacity for has solemn attitudes to the variety all the same

ment was reached in Viet Nam through inditary pacts When this happens, reader is free to take his choice wan nations particularly Japan and India must help

bold headlings The Prime incetting read Prime Minister Minister Mis Indira Gandhi Indira Gandhi today rejected told Japanese Pathamentarians suggestions that a vacuum today that Asian nations espes would be created in Asia after cially, India and Japan must the British east of Sucz with help each other in detence of drawal and red ced. American from east of Suez. Mrs. Gandhi, settlement. Addressing the Forsaid there would be a vacuum eign. Relations. Committee in Asia after the British troops. Mrs. Gandhi, warned, against quit east of Suez and a settle creating a false sense of security

But the Hindu did stick to

an interesting pattern of 'mi. Delhi has been discounting the to-the piess speech. It claimed image-building, and to agniative reporting on the part talk of a vacuum in S.E. Asia that she had said she would pulate men to subserve her of our Press which as a rule favour an international gua- political objectives such as they How come then, such a rantee of the independence are" country's international image major shift in policy was and integrity of the countries critical of her for not pursuing Apparently not only the noticed only by the Hindu's of the Asian region. And the the idea of vacuum filling and Special Correspondents who The Prime Ministers meeting editorial put it "This is per-collective security. "In terms accompanied the Prime Ministers was haps the first time that India of this country's basic interest ter on her tour braving the actually a meeting of the For- has made a proposal of this the thing that calls for recogniofficial cold eye and red tape eign Affairs Committee of the type to Japan, which has been tion as the only valid cuterion (which in itself was not a small Japanese Diet which, the Indian pursuing a different line of of the worthwhileness of Mrs achievement for them) or those Express informed us, was not foreign policy all these years." Gandli's visit is whether it has who were already in Tokyo open to the Press. What is Similarly the Hindu came out strengthened. This country's but also the agencies and the more, both the Times of India on the side of nulitary paets men at the desk back at home and the Hindustan Times, when its editorial on Mrs seem to have enjoyed their quoting agencies, reported the Gandhi's statements in Jakarta freedom to interpret the tour very anuthesis of what the departed from the assessments to suit the political angles (1) Hindu said. Mrs. Gandh re- of several others, and com the papers. The resulting stated India's position that she mented. "While a military amalgam need not be flattering did not believe in power grouping of the various nations to the readers but it provides vacuum. She reportedly re- may not be immediately feasiphed that the best guarantee ble, there is room for naval of security was economic developeration in the Indian For instance the Hindu had elopment of Asia, said the Ocean and the Pacific and for to USA in the passage is per-this somewhat exclusive report Times of India. The Hindu mutual assistance in keeping haps a sop to the pro-Soviet from Tokyo on front page in stan Times report on the same the sea lanes open to friendly nations

Japan's promise to resume project aid to India for the expansion of the Visakhapatnam port and off-shore drilling Asia after the British withdraw presence following a Vietnam for oil at Cambay naturally is welcomed by our Press as a gam from the Prime Minister's PM's visit to Japan and Indovisit but some of the optimism nest cas "a positive" contribureflected in reports on the subject is exploded by Mr Ant consonne and political relations Bhattacharjea in the Hindustan Times Mr. Bhattachariea administers a timely warning He quotes the Japanese Foreign tacked the 'Region syndrome,' Minister Aichi telling Indian dismissing it as a lost cause. correspondents that they should not assume that project assis- A rare piece of summing up, tance was on the rails. Thus however, was done by the far only the Visakhapatnam Hindustan Times which simpliport had been considered fied the whole business in an favourably Mr Bhattacharjea adds "Mr Aichi also made it Mr Bhattacharien clear that Japan did not favour excessively soft repayment terms on the ground that these implied political strings. Consequently the interest rates be cultivated. It should never are not expected to be under be assumed in international five per cent with repayment affairs" in less than ten years - far stricter terms than normally described as aid"

> The visit of the Prime Minis ter to Japan and Indonesia also political capers in Italy" evoked mixed reactions in the headline, the Hindustan Times periodical Press with pronouaced Leftist or Rightist views

But it was very much overall security vis-a-vis Comnumist China, Soviet Russia or the USA for that matter In Tokyo as well as in Jakarta, Mrs Gandhi has studiously refused to entertain ideas of collective scenity and in so doing has not shrunk from looking ridiculous. The reference lobby which has also recently collective-security become conscious At the other end, the Lank considered the visit fruitful", for exactly the same reasons which prompted the Thought to think it not productive' Lank hailed the tion to strengthening India's with these two friendly countires. Lank in particular, at-

editional 'There are no problems between India and Indonesia Neverthless Mrs Candhi's journey to Jakarta is important Understanding must

Certainly nothing can be assumed any time.

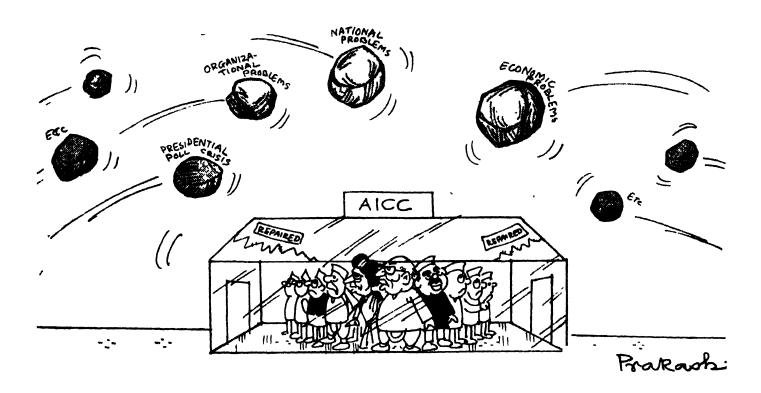
TAILPIECE "Bihar-style

NARADA



"Drought areas seem to be a townst draw this year"

Proverbial incapacity



"The Glass House" in Bangalore was got repaired for holding the inceting of the ALCC session -Report

No Admission?

deteriorated

their matriculation way back quite different cducational their ears pulled.

Way back in 1939, every science side, you must score ne s to his pal.

FOR the older generation the college was open to you when above 55%, and if you want fashion is to say that edu-you passed the matriculation Chemical Engineering, you Bali more soberly. I mean cational standards have which was such a horrible must have bagged over 85% huidle that the older generation. This is inevitable, as that colsumply couldn't see beyond it, lege can admit only thirty Especially, it is the mourn-like some jungle folk who can't students out of the whole with a shring of his shoulders ful chorus of those who passed count beyond 3. Now it's enlightened state of M-Formerly the in 1939 or earlier, when the chap who teetered on the This made me wonder what I'd been somewhat, you know, teacher or for that matter the brink of 35% and passed, and happens to the wretches who the French have a word for it professor, always knowing his the scholar who missed 100% score 35% to 55% For a while pupil by his first name, would by half a mark, could hobnob I imagined that these poor as soon punch his rose or pull in the same college and didn't chaps, branded with the pass his ears as look at him twice think too bad or too much of and nothing but the pass, but I, however, wouldn't say that each other. But now colleges towed into grotters like the standards have have become exclusive clubs early Christians. But no, the deteriorated as I've had first- Everybody who's scored 50 to ways of man, much more than point-blank enquiries hand experience of modern 55% automatically makes a bee- of God, are inscrutable, and a education, primary, secondary line to the arts or commerce great light shone on me when and now collegiate, through side, knowing that they my son came home the other my son, and I can affirm with wouldn't allow him within a day, accompanied by a friend the utmost candour that the stone's throw of the science of his, with whom I'd a nodformer generation could easily college Even if he is an ding acquaintance sit down and take a corres- Einstein in the bud or an "What hol Ba pondence course from their Archimedes in the larva, he's "Mhat ho! Balul" I sons and benefit by it, without to study commerce and, getting "Ages since I saw you!" his degree, turn into an income-tax consultant at the ond of vacation to Naini Tal," said my four years. If you want the son stiffly, resenting my breezithe erstwhile hazard of getting his degree, turn into an income-

"What ho! Balu!" I said

your marks in the SSC?

O, about 36%, said Balu

I'm sorry, I said, thinking This made me wonder what I'd been somewhat-, you know,

> "All right, let's get this straightened out, dad," said son grimly, sitting down and drawing his triend beside him. "Firstly, one shouldn't make another's marks without specifie purpose, just as you shouldn't ask about another's salary It simply isn't done Not cricket It shows the hairy heel'

Herrm!" I muttered, making indignation the best part of my indiscretion.

"One would be justified in making such an enquiry if you could add something to the

"Forget it," I said uneasily 'I meant nothing by it'

what, son said, coldly analytical "45% to 55% arts side, above 55% science, and so Balu love, and it? But life is gove the admission? erned neither by mathematics nor by logic, both the rule of three and the syllogism are alike repugnant to it. In mnety cases out of a hundred, life is use an old-fashioned word governed by the Rule of the quite ethical' Thumb What's the use of saying that a feather and a cannon ball would drop down the time you phoned your at the same time from a height friend Bansi of the State Trans of 500 feet. It's silly

And how does the Rule of the Thumb apply to Balu?' I asked knowing that 36% was become 55%

'His father phoned the Vice-(who didn't have a car) rush-could have trimpled a softie of in a tanga to the admission-like Uncle Ramit to death. So clerk and the clerk waited at what does Uncle do? He comes his wicket in the college office here and the two put their right from 1 A M., with a heads together and Dad quietmortal fear that he might miss by phones his crome in the State Balu in the rush

I sec I said

percentage which I'm sure you things considered. I'd rather can't And secondly, why did have 36% and the big pull you say you were sorry?" tather than my 65% and wait in a queue," concluded son

I'm glad for the sake of Balu, who's our friend, I said placa-'Of course you meant some- tingly for the sake of those thing by it, and I'll tell you present "but it's a little hard on the others, isn't it?'

'You and your hide-bound with his 36% doesn't stand a thought processes! exclaimed chance of admission to the son 'Is there any law against science college, that's your it? Was there anything illegal in

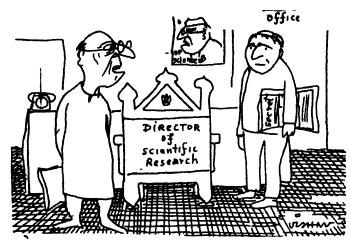
> Nothing, I said hastily Only to put in your own words not quite cricket or to

Half be said 'How about port '

What about it? I asked

The other day Uncle Rannt 36% anywhere, and wouldn't wanted to go to P-and he'd knew he didn't stand a dog's Chancellor of the University chance of getting a ticket by (he doesn't know anybody waiting in the queue for unlower down), the VC phoned reserved tickets as there were the Principal and the Principal such tough people in it that they Transport Depor who wangles a place for Uncle, queue or no queue, reservations or no reser-

TOGETHER.



"What security measures have you taken to keep the young and bright men working here from meeting the distinguished team of visiting professors?

thing," I argued "It's ore thing. The degree course courses of 5 to manoeuvie for a bus journey of six hours, and another to lay Rs 5,000, you can complete it the foundation of the future ac- in four years. Say you donate ademic career by -'

year college exam, Balu is gett- which is valid throughout the mg admitted into the Medical College '

How? I asked 'I understand that on the medical side of dizzy, that was all For all you can't get in unless you've I knew six months later I may 85% at least

it's 85% but if you make a do- hand and the scalpel in his nation of Rs 5,000 to the Great mouth and hissing, "36 per cent, Medical and Surgical College of did vou say? Now just let me Z-State, they take you up with get to work on your appendix!" You do see don't our Ail that cricket? He asked me only 30% Then you donate Rs

'But not quite the same 10,000 and they condone the 5%. years, but it you donate another Rs 25,000 plus Rs 10,000, and they will admit you by one door no reservation for the bus, he is it? asked son 'Well, list and let you out by another after explained to his friend. 'He ten to some more After the first five minutes, holding a degree country What do you think of

> 'Nothing," I said I felt sort summon a doctor in an emer-gency and find Balu by my Pah! If you rely on marks, side, holding his degree in one

> > G. V KULKARNI



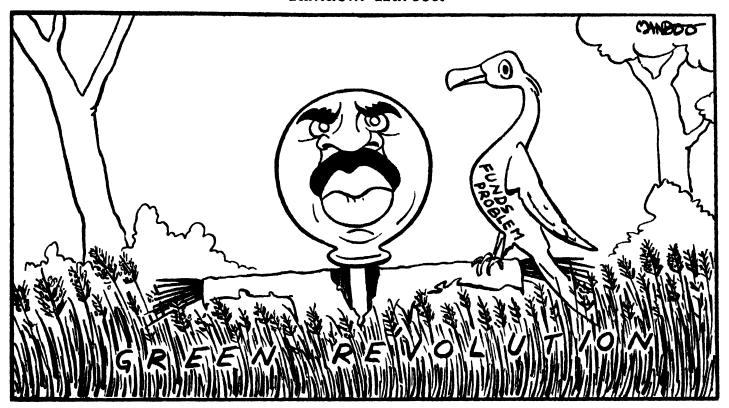
(0)N SATURDAY AFTERNOONS MY MOTHER GOES OFF TO A WOMEN'S CLUB MEETING

IN JITHIN MINUTES OF HER GOING, ALL MY FATHER'S FRIENDS TURN UP. THEY LAUGH AND THEY TALK AND THEYHAVE SUCH A LOT OF FUN

TIT'S SO SAD TO SEE THEM RUSH OFF AT THE STROKE OF SIX. WHEN MY MOTHER RETURNS, SHE FINDS THE HOUSE QUIET AND EMPTY, SHE MISSES ALL THE FUN.



Random Harvest



Self-sufficiency in food next year could be possible but funds were not available for extending the high-yielding varieties programme -Mr Jagjivan Ram

Hijacker Skyjacker

THE hijacker beckoned to the grenade I display has "D!NKY knives strapped to his calves, may, and cursed the hijacker airhostess and asked for TOYS" written on it in large and grenades in his navel And Now, they would never get into mascot Nothing could go wrong how could I possibly with a flight he was on them, without a gun?"

"27 attempts, and each time And so he mused, and as he ve failed .," the hijacker sat mused he made a resolution that I've failed musing "Robert Bruce voice could be heard yelling, them would get a big surprise us! We paid good money for "Thief, thief" But, as the The pilot and co-pilot sat in it" "Thief, thief" But, as the The pilot and co-pilot sat in it hijacker so aptly put it-it the cock-pit discussing, rather wasn't copyright

coffee She took a close look at print, grab a hostess and threa- still they couldn't find anything the news him, gasped, pulled his beard ten to strangle her, and before And the plane flew on, cover—It was an aspiring socialite off and then yelled, "You're I know what's what she's tied ing the distances, and the peo- who suddenly grabbed the steback again. What fun" And the me up in knots with a few wise- ple waited, tense, yet in some ward, and yelled "Don't anyone hijacker, smiled contentedly cracks, and then does the same way relaxed. They looked at make a move, I'm hijacking this The hostess ran around spread-thing with topes, pistol was one then watches—only half an hour plane." And from all over the ing the good news, and people of those trick ones, it fired backcraned their necks to look at wards and I still earry the bullet him He had made 27 abortive in my leg. The last time I tried attempts to hijack a plane on to hijack a plane, all the crew the same auline, and by now thought it was just a big joke, he did not grab her the staff looked upon him as a and refused to listen to me, and

," he on this trip he would not try to said and searched for the third hijack the plane; that this would word. "Desai"--he found it be a quiet trip, that he would try and hijack this plane From far off, a copywriter's be well behaved, and all of

material, laying bets on what approach be moved Literally as well as high and wide And the hijackwas it, now? "27 attempts, the hijacker would make And metaphorically for the passenand each time some ridiculous all the passengers followed suit thing or another happened— They looked at his pockets, for cockpit but he would not budgun slips out of my hand, knife the tell-tale unsightly bulges, turns out to be one of those but couldn't find any They And as the news spread, all

way relaxed. They looked at make a move, I'm hijacking this more to go, and yet he hadn't plane came shouts of "No, made a move. The hostess walked past him so often she began to get foot sore, and yet

e, and Finally, a passenge did it shoot He walked up to the hyacker and said, "Say when're you gomg to hijack the plane?"

"I'm not

'You're what?'

"I'm not I'm not going to

"Oh, no, you can't do this to first."

But the hyacker was not to gers tried to push him into the

And as the news spread, all past, trick ones with no blade; the looked for shoulder holsters, the passengers groaned in dis-

you're not, 'coz I am'

And they all (with the exception of the hijacker) threatened to strangle the steward and the hostess and kick holes in the plane if the pilot did not

take them to Las Vegas
The pilot said, "You people can think what you like but this here plane has been on a course to Las Vegas for the last twenty minutes I hijacked this plane

Joie de vivie overflowed, even on to the tables of the Casino as the hinekers stepped out er, who was actually a CIA man, sat contentedly gambling. His job was done-the huacker menace was now a thing of the

SRINTVASAN KRISHNAN

The Young-eyed Cherubim

THE electric-train non-smoker was full to bursting-point But, thanks to my martial manocuvies and super-martial strategy I had succeeded in conquering a window-seit While the majority of my copassengers were in various states of inquisitorial discomensconced in my cosy corner I took a look round and telt numersaly cheered. When you are safely and comfortably seated in an overcrowded. To compartment, it is a splendid cherub treat to see other fellows being knocked about, crushed, pulverized, and pulped And then all of a sudden I experienced a stroke of paralysis. I had ended up my gleeful survey with the woman who sat long way off. To stand like directly opposite to me. In that all the way in all this yourself? my fairly long stay on the face crush! my fairly long stay on the face of this globe I have come across many repulsive members of the sex that is miscalled 'tair' But this particular specimen topped the list in point of gnomelike looks and took the palm. She held me petrified by a most menacing frown. No frog was ever so up a smile frozen on the spot by a kingcobra as I was by that nonpared of ugliness. Ah inercy! ling like this, she continued She broke off her threatening stare. A small primary-school boy, in full primary-school regalia big aluminum satchel, female's attention

gushed like a broken water main "The young-eved chern- suppressed anger, and

The schoolbox opened his large eyes wide at her

boy, where are you going's

school

What school-New Ideal

A long way off

obliterating my nervous system

I love children she proclanned

I hate to see them travel.

I kept up the snule

umbrella and all, had forced you are in the habit of smiling his way up to within a foot of at other women?' the pimpled included and attracted the ghastly and potato-nosed siren sprang on me There was a titter

The little angel! the lady from some of my fellow com- aluminium satchel. struck my muters I went dizzy THILL

with at her satisfied selfish men sitting the crook of the umbrella took smugly when a poor little my clan and the steel fertule soft little human helpless schoolboy is standing put another gash in my troufort I was most blissfully flower! the lidy gushed again by, loaded up with his school sers I hasaly got up, in misery like that water-main gone a things the houri persisted. I and despair, to strap-hang little further in its rum. Little, looked straight at her defiantly, myself. The little cherub little further in its rum. Little looked straight at her deliantly

> Why don't you get up^{yo} shalled the she flung at me

> > "Why should get up^y spoke up

Why don't

She turned to me, almost Where have you been brought stantial measure of his umbrella up"

Here the man to my left got up as the train was arriving at his destination. The little angel I somehow managed to call was quick to throw himself on herself against me so venomto the vacant seat, hitting me hard with himself his satchel and his umbrella

'Ouch!" I velped

The young-eyed cherubim loathed me most Does your wife know that jabbed me in the short ribs with his elbow and hammered my left shin with his tough boot putting big black dirty sinears on my cream-coloured terene trousers

> 'Youl' I hissed at the little murderous human storm beside

> "Now none of it?" the weird sister let fly at me-

But look at what he's done to inv trousers! I moaned

'After your soul has been sullied, does it very much matter if your trousers are sullied

I relapsed into glum silence The little angel started ex-ecuting sitting high-jumps for no reason that I could dis-The man to his left was deep asleep and was not went my way in the least distuibed. And then the broken corner of the

with thigh and put a gash in my kept trousers Simultaneously, the tough boot did its worst to my shin, the elbow drove with I hate to see sleek self mighty force at my ribs, and leaped on to my seat "He's leaned his lesson," the lady observed to him with a sly wink. Once more he gave her 1 his wide-eyed wondering look

The train took a sudden So that the little boy may lurch. My hand left the strap, and I was pitched on to the seat beside the boy During get up the minute or so that I took to extricate myself from the situation, the young-eyed Asking a lady to get up! cherubin treated me to a suband his satchel and his boot

> 'Good boy,' gushed the water-main remains. I cannot say why that female had set Perhaps no male had ously ever looked at her gladly and, therefore, she abominated the whole race of males. Because of my somewhat er-er hand-some looks (ha, hal), she

> The train was coming to a stop My station It turned out to be the stop of many others, too, and there was a terrific scramble to get out 1 was among the first knot of tluce to leap out of the door, and narrowly missed a plunge into the huge container of semi fluid building-cement that lay on the platform, some construction being underway

> A blood-curding shriek rent the welkin I looked at the door of the compartment I'd left That gentle ladv hovered as if she was on the brink of a precipice The little angel filed to squeeze past her. And the gentle lady rose like Apollo-8 and splashed down in the cement container, bottom foremost

"Good boy!" I cheered, and

M A. MAZMUDAR



it true that many of your people in employment are looking for work to do?"



- Mr C B Gupta said, the UP Government would take all measures for the smooth running of industries in the State

Walking down Fifth Avenue

avenue, looking rather cheer-Aimstrong

Well, I had reason to be gay My agent had phoned to say that he had accepted the fabulous offer from the movie moghuls in Los Angeles for my him the carte blauche permission Judy and I had a lovely plot for my next novel was unhand bag came down on my can call it that folding itself in my mind, which head and I reeled I walked alor sent a warm sensation of cuphona all over my body

I was passing the beauty parlour where women spend hours and later emerge looking fresh and charming Two or three nobody had called me an insect soon as he saw me, came over big lovely girls emerged and walkthem spied me. Nothing like a to surge up and churn the fury the most natural thing for him tists I guitted my teeth I saw good genuine smile, I thought A group of women who had I have remembered to have read red I wished to hit someone. good genuine smile, I thought A group of women who had I have remembered to have read red I wished to hit someone. That's how you win friends And had a facelitt at the Beauty somewhere that certain people. Suddenly I felt that some sort smiling was not an effort at all Parlour and looking at the can't stand faces with century object was holding my hand and when you are euphoric, which brighter side of things, were and they would like to bash as I turned my gaze to bear

I WAS walking along the fifth was the state I was in I simled

With arms akunbo, the young ful I was smiling and I believed gril advanced towards me, look- my aid, which was not unusual the whole world did too be- ing into my eyes Perhaps she cause I happened to remember had not seen me soule. I tried a talent to write novels and as he said, searching for the apthat wonderful song by Louis the magic formula again. This related earlier, the plot just un-propriate epithet, which seemonly made her scowl and it dis-folds itself before my mental ed to clude him 'You you torted her feature. Providence eye with the least effort. But you insect "he said. That was has provided certain instincts unfortunately it had failed to the second time anyone had in men, certain ted lights to provide a personality which called me an insect warn him of the impending dan- could be called 'charming by ger when danger is imminent nomal standards and I had a thing You don't just stare into forthcoming novel. I had given The red light, in me was all face with a cieatrix and people, the eyes while a guy shakes you aglow. I could have stepped aever stopped by me for a firback in time, had it not been endly chat time in Miami, Florida, for two that my faculties were all juniwhole weeks, consuming in-bled up and before anyone I rallied round and shove for me the work of a moment numerable lobsters. And the could say knife, the young gul's back my face to normal if you. He too had realised that quite

heard half a dozen epithets, but a leather packet emerged and as expecting to witness something Mortification made me burn to me and caught the lapels and

amazed to see me tottering the nose and it was called. The Nobody wished to come to Zeiss effect

I walked alone, with my mind ness the 'scene' 'You insect," she said and a perfect blank. I happened to "Well, I'll meet you in the walked away, without giving it be walking past a restaurant exching," he said and threaded another thought.

Well, I'll meet you in the walking past a restaurant exching," he said and threaded whose entire front was a sheet his way through the disappoint-During my childhood I had of plate glass A young man in ed group of people who were

What have you done to my Nature had provided me with sister? Tell me Tell me, you ,

It was high time I did somelike you were a sack of pota-toes. To hold his hands and re-It was quite some time before move them from the lapels was a crowd had gathered to wit-

I was seetling with rage I ed past me. Suddenly one of with rage and the ire in me tried started shaking me as if it was clenched and unclenched my

upon it, the figure of a lovely ber? That's when I got mad young girl materialized before my eyes. She was quite unaware of the stares of a few women without understanding what she who passed us by

"Paul," she said

I started! Good God! She was Paul?" mistaking me for some other person

'Paul are you angry?" I shook my head

"I mean, I should not have slapped you," she said, as she tried to squeeze my palm

fifth avenue, holding hands with a lovely young girll I prayed that Judy should not see me

"Not when you were trying to help me all the time Paul," she said nestling closer

"Are you cross?" she said I shook my head once again "Was he the products, Paul?" I nodded my head without realising what I was in for!

'And Mi Stanley Fraser^e" "Who?" I said, haffled

"The one who wanted to see iny legs'

See vour legs?"

'Yes, Paul Don't you remein- 'This is the moment

and slapped you.'
'Oh, yes Yes, yes." I nodded, was talking about

"What do you mean yes,

'I mean no No That's "Will you get me a drink, Paul? I'm thirsty," she passed her tongue over her hps and my heart melted for her

a dozen or so booths, along Good heavens! To be seen on with a small bar We had mar-

> As I was looking at the way she sipped her drink, I heard half a dozen voices behind me I turned round and saw a few with leather jacket sunglasses voungster and a head of han that needed he winked cutting 'A few were sporting a beard

with a buck's teeth

Can't say Usually these guys off his mouth and all the voun-are incognite," said another in gsters laughed

in a whisper pointing at me

"Who is that girl with him?" said the buck's teeth.

'Never mind the girl. Be natural Don't act as if we wished to draw his attention," said another

"But how can Ip" said the buck's teeth

got to, under-"You have stand? If you want to be spotted If you wish to become big If you want your blasted name There was room for only splashed across the whole of United States,' said the one in the leather jacket

"What do I do?" said the buck's teeth, quite agitated. The voice was getting louder,

"Do anything but remember no affectations Just be natural youngsters-all in their teens- In short, be yourself," said the vonngster in leather jacket and

The bucks teeth pulled out a ogar, upped the end with his "Could it be him?" said one large teeth and tried to stick it in his mouth. It seemed to slip

a leather jacket There was a cup on the table Look," said another, almost He picked up the cigar and began sturing the drink with it There was an uproar as the

whole bunch of those kids

laughed.
You were the one who spot ted Caroline Ashlay and look at, her now, Paul She is the highest paid star in the movie world," said the girl, sipping her drink

Goodness gracious! So that's what it is A talent scout! They had taken me for a talent scout, I never thought that there could be two people with the same profile

I planned the course of action, to get out of the fix I was in

Providence provided me with one

There were voices all around

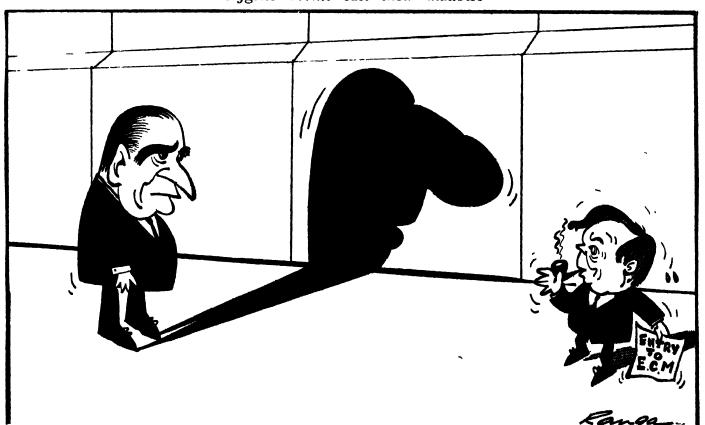
me.
"'t's Louella! Louella and Bob," said several voices.

Louella, the teenage idol and her fiance, the baseball champion, wishing to spend a quiet hour in a small restaurant would have a tough time with those kids. I did not care I was rather thankful for it.

I shd away unobtrusively, the voice of the voung girl crying plantively, "Paul, Paul, wait for me Wait for me"

K N. SUBRAMANI

Bygone events cast their shadows



France will not relax the conditions for Britain's entry into the E C. M.-Report.

The Dog Business

1 The Dog

Bishamber, starved for funds, palmed off his Kalu as a pure-bred Alsatian on Mr Sen for a handsome price Not without a turinge at having parted with his pet But then, he sau he was launching into dog biz

(S. W., 6 July '69)

2 THE BUSINESS

AFTER some days Bishambers elation over his easy success in selling his dog Kalu as a pure Alsauan began to wear off He had paid an advance for some months for the little apartment out of the five hundred Kalu's ale had brought him That made the root over his head secure for some time, but he still had to skimp on meals to make the money that remained last for as long as possible. The schemes for making more money which had begun milling around in his brain immediately after his first • uccess, now seemed impracti-cable. The moods of depression a frequent feature of his existence before the windfall he had received with Kalu's sale, now began to recui He tried to fight the growing conviction that these moods were the reward for his callous treatment of Kalu but failed Very often he would find himself wandering in Aliput and he had to turn his stepaway by an effort of will

A week after his last visit to the house of Mr Sen, the Advocate to whom he had sold Kalu, he found himself wandering in one of his moods of abstraction along Judges Court Road again It was the sight of Mi Sen's mansion that suddenly brought the realisation as to where he He made as if to enter, 377.05 then remembered that Mr Son had said he would be out of ctation for a month. And, sure enough, a closer look at the gate revealed that it was heavily padlocked on the inside -- Maitia the old servant was a careful type He peered through the burs of the gate There was no sign of Kalu anywhere. He had nut come to see Kalu anyway. he hed to himself as he moved on along the wall that surrounded the house It was about eight feet high, he noticed for the first The house was bounded on one side by a narrow byelane and the high wall continued along this lane Bishamber idly wandered into this lane. After the busy traffic, both wheeled ed through bye-lanes till they and pedestrian, on Judges Court

ped and glanced at the wall of Here Bishamber stopped, only Mr Sen's house, then on an im- long enough to recover his breath pulse whistled a call to which Kalu had always responded He was not at all sure what would happen. But he just stood and waited Nothing happened He gave a shrug of his shoulders to shake off the sinking sensation of disappointment he felt, quite unnecessarily, he knew. He had not really expected anything to happen Just to prove this to himself he whistled out again Just to prove this to All remained as quiet as before With drooping shoulders he turned to move on, when the distant sound of a back came from over the wall. He stopped as if spellbound, his heart racing whistled again softly. The backing now became continuous and was coming nearer. Soon it was sounding from just the other side of the wall where he stood The backing took on a frenzied note and Bishamber could tell that Kalu was running back and forth along the base of the wall on the other side. All the weakness and depression seemed to magically from him He felt like laughing out aloud So Kulu had not forgotten him after all That was all he had wanted to know. He could return home in peace now he told himself Kalu's barking had now tailed off into a series of yelps. These too stopped after a while and all that could be heard was a contimuous whose. Fully satisfied and at peace, Bishamber furned to move on when there came a scratching sound from the wall and to his amazement Kalu suddenly materialised on top of the wall in front of him. The next moment with a yelp as if his throat had cracked, the dog sli thered down the wall and wa on top of him Bishamber went down under the impact and Kalu was licking his face madly. In a daze he flung his aims around the dog and hugged him. He had no idea how long he lay like that, but after a while a sudden fear struck him and he looked apprehensively at the wall again, pushing Kalu aside He expected to see Maitia the old servant's head appear over the wall at any moment. He waited breathlessly for a few moments, but all was quiet He got to his feet quickly and looked around There was no one about in the lane

"Come Kalu!" he whispered and began to run

Kalu was thrilled This was like old times again With a bound he went after his old master They twisted and turnemerged at the foot of the road Road, its absence here produced bridge over the railway lines

an eeric feeling in him. He stop- near the New Aliput market. Bishamber took a careful look at and to check if there was any sign of pursuit. He patte ! Kalu affectionately as he looked up in expectation of his next move, then walked on slowly having satisfied himself that no one was tollowing him The run had tired him. By the time, they came to the junction of Tollygunj Circular Road and Russa road he was dragging his feet with fatigue. With the greatest effort he made the distance to the Lake area. He trudged across the grass to the nearest vacant bench, stretched out full length and fell tast asleep

It had been near noon when he left Ahpu. The February ain had not yet attuned the herceness it would a few weeks later Missing a mid-day meal was not unusual for Bishamber these days. All these factors coupled with the unusual exercise he had had this day, caused him to sleep soundly till the shadows of the trees on one side of the Lake began darkening the slopes of its far shore. Then the hardness, of the bench and the calls of the ice-cream and gram vendors, who had just begun then evening swarm over the area brought him out of his slumber and he sat up quickly rubbing his eyes. The long sleep had refreshed him and within a tew second he recollected the events which had led to his arrival on this bench and he look ed mound with a wildly thimp ing heart for Kalu - He caught his breath as he spotted him one distance away under a chief and requested the old man tree at the water's edge being to be seated. Kalu lay down in

the man, whose back was turned to him, and decided he was no one he knew. He whistled softly and Kalu, pricking up his ear came bounding and was soon jumping around him in an efforto lick his face. The man who had been petting Kalu, Bisham ber saw, was now walking to words him. He stopped as he walked and as he came nearer Bishamber -aw that he was an old man with a short, neatly trimmed, snow white beard. He smiled as he came up

"Good evening," he said in a litured voice "You have a cultured voice beautiful dog"

Bishamber nodded and smiled

"I have always been under the impression," continued the old man, "that Alsatians are one-man Your dog seems to be an dogs exception. He is the most friend

ly Alsatian I have ever seen"
"I have taken great pains to
train him that way," replied Bishamber feeling proud of him self. I feel that a dog is a ser vant of man and as such should be triendly with all men"

"How true" said the old man with a sigh "I wish all dog owners felt the same way Most of them want then dogs to be friendly and docile with them selves but ferocious wild beasts to others" He paused, then asked, "May I sit down?"

Bishamber who had been sit ting sideways with his feet still up on the beach now quickly straightened his position, dusted the place where his feet had rested, with his pocket handkerpetted by a well-dressed man front of the bench at their feet



"He is dressed to reflect rural wealth and she does a dance to celebrate the abolition of the levy

wish to make you a proposition I do hope you will not be offended '

at once

"It depends what your proposition is " he replied

I would like to buy dog," said the old man

Bishamber was sturined Was he dreaming still? he thought Then he realised his position, he was now in illegal possession of the dog. He must bear in mind that Mr Sen to whom he had old Kalu was an advocate of ome standing. To think that he had actually been about to take Kala home with him! He realised with a cold fear what a dangerous step that would be Now here was a heaven sent opportunity not only of disposing of the dog but at the same time of making some more money

The old man misunderstood his long silence "Please do not be offended, ar, he repeated "I know what it is to keep a pet. It becomes a part of your family and parling with it is unthinkable. I am making this proposi cion because of my little grand on You see he had until recently, a dog very much like yours here. He was mad about him. He would walk with him, cat with him and even sleep with him. That dog died suddenly three days ago. Now Raju, that is not grandson, is inconsolable He won't eat or play or sleep He just sits and frets. His parent, are worried to distraction Seeing your dog I thought that if I could present him to Raju it may help him to get over his grief"

Bishamber felt it may not look proper to agree at once

"I have never considered parting with my dog and least of all of selling him-" he paused as if giving the idea profound thought "But the plight of your grandson and the worry of his parents touches my heart. I also have children and I know what it is to witness the grief of a child"

joyously "Please do not hesitate to manie your price"

i' "I was offered five hundred Bishamber's sense: came alert rupee, for him once ' he said rentatively

The old man seemed to wilt -uddenly "I happen to have only tour hundred supees in my pocket just now," he said hesitantly, as if he did not want to hurt Bishamber's feelings. "If you would be kind enough to accept that sum, you can have it straight away"

"Well sir," Bishamber said in a pained voice to hide his inner jubilation, "It is not the money that matters I am parting with my dog only to help another human being"

The words were hardly out of his mouth when the old man was theisting a wad of notes in his hand and hugging him in his joy Bishamber did not wait to be asked what name his dog went by, he came up with "Lallu" this time He produced a short length of cord which he carried in his pocket and fastening this to Kalu's collar, handed him over to the old man

The old mun, hardly able to speak in his joy, kept shaking Bishamber's hand

"I am Dr Mukerjee of 26c Jodhpur Park You will always be velcome in my home," he said at last and departed with

Bishamber was so surprised at the turn of events, that long after the old man had left, he found he was still clutching the bundle of notes the old man had handed him Now he counted them quickly and put them in his pocket It all seemed too good to be true There must be a catch somewhere, he thought Perhaps Maitra, Mr Sen's servant, was at this very moment spreading a police net to catch him. He would never be able to rest in peace until he was sure. He may have to leave Calcutta even He decided to take a bold step. He would call at Mr Sen's place tomorrow 'Oh' you are a kind-hearted and find out for himself. He was

sonal appearance there now would in itself be proof of his innocence

The next morning he put Budhu, his other dog, Kalu's brother who looked her mongrel descent, unlike Kalu, on a leash to give his visit a casual appearance and appeared at the gate of 15 Judges Court Road Martia saw him at once and came to open the gate at a run His very words reassured Bishamber that he was completely unsuspected

'A terrible thing has happencd" exclaimed the old servant in a hoarse voice

Bishamber assumed a flippant manner "Don't tell me you have been robbed in spite of my Bhalu?" he said jokingly

"Oh yes, sn" The old man wailed aloud now "Not a theft of property su, but of Bhalu himselt!"

"What!" shouted Bishamber, trying to put all the astonishment he could into the exclamation

"Yes, sahib," wailed Maitra "Bhalu has gone He has disappeared. He has been stolen" He was almost hysterical now Between sobs he told how he was busy in his room yesterday morning when he had suddenly missed the dog's presence called out but there was no answer. He had then searched the entire compound but there The gate was no sign of him was locked. He could not understand how the dog could have got out of the compound No dog could jump over an eight-foot wall

Bishamber looked at the wall now wondering himself how Kalu had done it Then noticed the mango tree with the low spreading branches, one of which sloped towards the wall not too near it, but near enough tor a determined dog If he had not himself seen Kalu come over the wall, he would never have believed that even this tree could have helped him to jump on to it

Maitia was still wailing has been carried away by thieves There is no other way he could have got out" He sat on the ground, held his head betweer his hands and rocked too and fro, wailing over and over, "What will Sen Sahib say? What will Sen Sahib say?"

"Have you informed police?" Bishamber asked.

"It would be of no use, sahib," he wailed "Sen Sahib and the local police are not on good terms He gave them a bad time on some case once and now they will never do anything to help us "

So much the better, thought the dog business! Bishamber So now he was quite safe He gave a satisfied sigh

The old man bent down, stroked man' I could tell from your certain he had not been seen by Maitra looked up, so he quickly him lovingly and said softly "I face, exclaimed the old man Maitra near the house, so his per-changed his expression to a woeful one.

"In that case, Maitra," he said, There is nothing more to be done," and he turned to leave, uttering with a sigh, Bhalu "

Maitra clutched Bishamber's legs with both hands, wailing, "Please don't go sahib, Help me Tell me how to explain to Sen Sahib " Then his eyes fell on Budhu and he stopped wailing suddenly "Sahib," he said enhe said entreatingly, "please leave this dog with me in place of Bhalu"

'Don't be foolish, Maitra," said Bishamber "This dog is not like Bhalu in any way He is not even an Alsatian. You can see that for yourself"

"I know, Sahib," he replied But Mr Sen knows any dog of yours will be a good dog told me so Any replacement for Bhalu will be better than no dog at all when he comes back"

"Listen Maitra," said Bishamber kindly "I am a dealer in dogs I don't give them away

"I'll pay you Sahib, I'll pay you," said Maitra breathlessly, now, getting to his feet Sen pays me well and I have money saved up You took five hundred from Mr Sen for Bhalu Take two hundred and fifty from a poor man for this dog'

The entreaty was too much even for Bishamber Then, busi-ness was business The sum he was offering was a fortune for a mongrel like Budhu, but who was he to spurn it? He smiled, and Maitra taking it as acceptance, disappeared around the house as fast as his old legs' could carry him Soon he was back clutching a bunch of crumpled ten-rupee notes He thrust them in Bishamber's hand and snatched the leash he was holding and pulled Budhu to himself "What do you call him Sir?"

he asked Bishamber laughed aloud

Duddoo," he replied and mut-tered softly to himself, I hope he can hop frog-like over the walk as Kalu did

Bishamber walked out of the gate in a state bordering on intoxication He hailed a passing taxi He could afford the luxury He settled himself com-กดพ fortably on the rear seat as he gave his Ballygunj address to the taxi driver and relaxed. plan was taking shape in his brain One dog in Alipur and one in Jodhpur Park! Both ready to respond to a whistle from him He could truthfully say to a prospective customer now, that he was a dog dealer, with kennels - he laughed kennels looked after free of cost to him. He was in business ---



"Ring up and tell them I won't be addressing the seminar on science and technology today.

L, J. Ġ.

'How to be a vegetarian'



Mr. Kanungo has appealed to Bihar MLAs to consider things coully and to help establish a stuble government

-FILMS

"Matchless"

EVEN if something isn't worth well is the philosophy of this Dino de Laurentis production of yet another foot-in mouth spythriller

tiresome coincidences and judo moll and hero's sweetheart aland gadgetry to help out the most entirely on her deportment failed the waters will close over hero by presenting him with a end her sense of timing. Pat his head") inarches into Hammagic ring. He can disappear O'Neal, who used to be the burg harbour, umbrella held alwhen things get hot. Having got, whey-faced character in Peyton, oft in salute rid of the credibility problem, Place, emerges as body beauti graphic in their conception, and villain blown up realism, distorted and exaggerated in the manner of cartoons, for instance, the Com-scenes are in the villain's Northmittee which okays Patrick O' umberland castle, which is staff-Neal's appointment as a US ed by electronically computed Army agent could have been robots "Are you real?" asks O' tary-maker, a wonderful wide- bulter "Of course" replies the 'Prudence and the Pill, paradise to wall, of course

a de to the airport with a Brook-boast doing, it's worth doing it lyn cabbie are other examples

and panache which is borue to ing a nice surprise. Pleasance cast ha Firstenburg a real he has failed he sets his chin Its success lies in cutting out. He princess, plays a gangster's and with a quote from Zen phithe producer has been able to ful-when he disappears, his concentrate on details. Apart clothes collapse on the floor from the erotic scenes, which And the absolutely irreproach are pietty frinty by the way, the able Donald Pleasance in his narrative works its way through favourite role of tightly controlsituations which are grotesquely led, demented fanatic plays the

angled sequence of a profession -robot Snaps Pleasance. John, I Juris out to be a nightmare of al boxing match and the hero's have told you before not to stagy suspicion, circumstantial

The dialogue is good the The film is made with a style direction excellent, and the end a large degree by the first rate steals the show when, realising losophy (When the leader has

"Prudence and the Pill"

Films classify themselves, cri tics just pick up the eucs. This one decided it was going to be a 'hight-hearted comedy'' of the naughty - not smutty - variety and it is, with all the appro-Some of the most entertaining priate stereotypes—beloved of drawing room draina

Welcome to the post-pill

gaffes and double entendres all tangling up with lots of pregnancies, marriages, being un-coupled and new sets of part ners finding bliss in that miserably consistent institution

Those who fluch from the prevailing mode of documented sex will find relief in the lessobvious formula conveyed by the Pill David Niven is all innuendo and full of gentlemanly meetics. Deborah Kerr is very much in love, in a true blue English way For coyeur. into upper class life in Vilavat, the stockbrokers belt affords a pleasant view

"Ek Shuman, Ek Shrimati"

The andness of the film can be measured by what the critic found most worthy of a boggle the interior decor of Babita's Army agent could have been robots "Are you real?" asks O' paradise' says a character in minimy's house and Shashi shot by a psychotic documen. Neal of a bewigged blackamoor John Updike's "Couples". In Kapoor's reated bingalow, Wall. In Kapoor's reated binigalow, Wall. canopied

like them that way in short all Marianne (Alain Delon and the mod ideas from Ideal Home. Romy Schneider). but it is the magazine (which costs Rs 10 swimming pool which is the in India) obsously symbolic nexts of m India i

How could anyone be found of anyone else when Shashi's convincingly, for one thing, other man is less hand some than S. Kapoor. She pouts decides to come around. Hurray But soft the side plot has to size Jean Paul murders him by be played out yet. Don't plan drowning him in the pool to get away in less than 3 hours Better still don't go at all unless you are leager to see a get herself in abortion

"La Piscine" (The pool) (French film testival)

A summer villa in the hills behind St Tropez contains the

beds, luscious bathrooms-if you grand passion of Jean-Paul and their existence and destruction

They remain absorbed in their around. Babita is, but not very sexual wrestling matches -complete with flagellation-until then friend Harry arrives with his 18 year old illegitimate she jerks away from Shashi's daughter to disturb their idvlhe touch (and he is indeed ntly in- long hot summer. The daughter sistent) and after two hours, a vacuous faced nymphet, diswhen all attempts at seduction tracts Jean-Paul Her father dehave failed and the "other man" cides to take her away and in a is numasked is a villain, Babita final drunken hour cuts down his former mate, Jean Paul to

La l'iscine is an inferior version of a theme the French are screen kiss that almost was, and fond of indulging themselves to hear the baddy urge Helen to a mood piece with people des- what he can't have says Mair troying themselves, with then anne Those are the only hints chewing a eigerette, the nym obsession of the individual con- towards his make up. Otherwise science it is about corruption the film swathes, the audience and corruptibility Jean Paul is with inconsequential slowness. Schneider alternating between the most corrupt—a spoilt kid— which is meant to be evocative womanly vulnerability and

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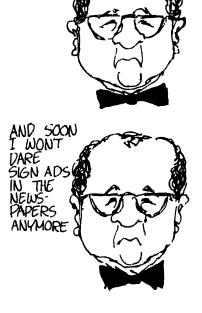


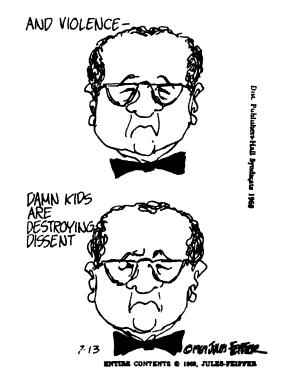
'I shant need tranquillizers on that sea down there."

shots of Jean-Paul broodingly phet looking sulky and Romy you want everything at once, but only shows up its flaceidity poise Like over tipe fruit, it is ass his friend Harry. "He wants For intensity—there are long hardly fit for consumption

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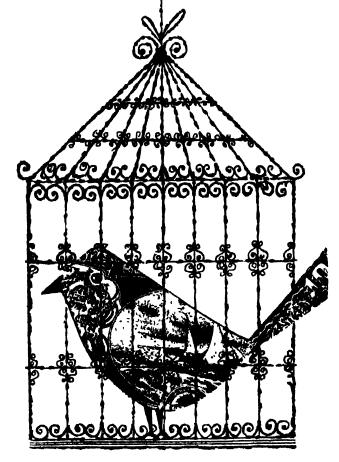
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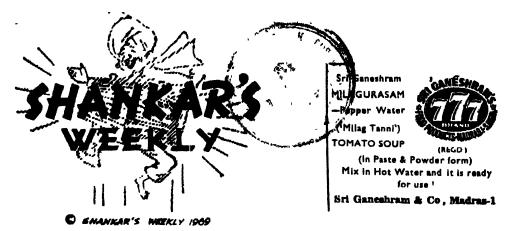
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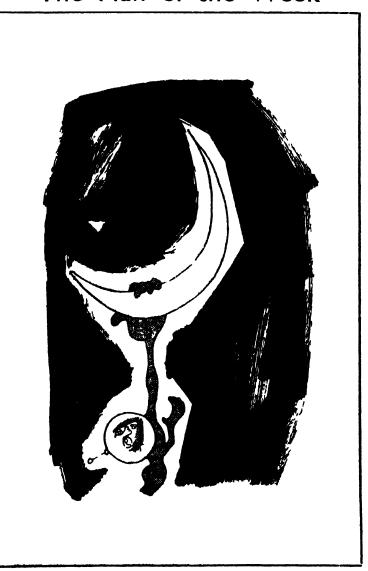
THE crisis in the Congress Parliamentary Party is for the first time on the question of ideology. The "syndicate" with which Mr. Moraiji Desai and Mr. Y. B. Chavan have identified themselves is motivated by a series of negatives but as these are directed at certain fundamentals of democratic parliamentary process, they assume great significance. The first question posed after Mrs. Gandhi's election as Prime Minister was whether there should be a single source of political power vested in the head of the government or whether the post derives power from men outside the government. The "syndicate" fell that since it had raised Mrs. Gandhi to power, in effect she should be exercising not her own leadership but 'collective leadership' after consultations with the bosses.

Having been foiled in their attempts by the desperate Mrs. Gandhi, the "syndicate" is now seeking to fragment the power structure by setting up another focus in the President This will have the gravest consequences, whether Mrs. Gandhi realises it or not. The powers of the President under the Constitution have not been clearly defined and there are areas of ambiguity which a President seeking personal power or power on behalf of a group can utilise to advantage to inhibit constitutional processes in the name of the Constitution. This may suit the book of the Jana Sangh which believes in the Presidential system of government and is not too keen on British parliamentary method. But what of parties like the Swatantra which claim to be liberal and democratic?

These two issues have now been upstaged by Mrs Gandhi who has raised the economic objective of the Congress as the most important matter before the party and the people It has never been posed so clearly. But Mrs Gandhi cannot miss the implications of putting it in this fashion. The people have been told for some considerable time that the economy is on the up-turn, that socialism is complete nonsense, that social control of banks is as good as bank nationalisation, that any left-of-centre government is as bad as a communist takeover, that the status quo is questioned only by Naxalites, anarchists and such riffraff. Mrs. Gandhi's economic strategy, if she really believes in it, must eventually result in a reordering of the social set-up where the privileged are removed from their vantage positions

The public will not be convinced that a minor restructuring of the ministerial set-up will bring us any nearer socialism. The Congress Party at the top consists of hard-eyed politicos who have no interest in the social revolution. Their entire being is connected with the vested interests, and the unctuous phrases they roll around about egalitarian policies are taken for the oily propaganda it is. It is the people genuinely committed to socialism that Mrs. Gandhi has to mobilise. The principle about the role of the Prime Minister is undoubtedly important. But if that is all there is to it, the other question must be separated from it. The two do not mix.

The Man of the Week



PLEASE TURN OVER FOR PEN PORTRAIT

The Man of the Week

THEIR names are as unimportant as the names of the crew that accompanied Christopher Columbus The credit can go to King Fordinand and Queen Isabella or to Weiner von Biaun but the achievement in which their names will be imperishably involved marks one of those advances that have a lasting impact on the forward movement of lustory and on the life of man

The human mind can function at two levels, even at two widely separated ones Yes, in Victnam the Ameri cans can kill, mutilate and napalm a poor agricultural people They can also go to the moon in an attempt to enlarge the scope of human adventure But even here the nationalist-militarist outlook gets in the way of a larger outlook It is the American flag that will be planted in the area of the Sea of Tranquillity and it is military personnel that is engaged in the adventure

Neil Armstrong, Eduin Aldrin and Michael Collins are household words now. They are the current heroes of man's technological progiers But is that all there is to 112 Columbus led the unu to European plunder of Asia and Africa The brace Mon-tezuma, foully murdered even as he was welcoming foreigners is standing historical testimony to what technology divested of human feelings can do

Man has progressed by huge leaps from the days when he was eating raw flesh and making grunting noises But what has he done with speech, judged by contemporary literature? The mouthing of obsecuties. What has he done with the advances in medicine a He has got to pills and LSD What has more goods done? The exposure of the body in such a cunning manner that the worst murient thoughts are aroused in the impressionable Man has reached the moon That is a oreat achievement. But if he has lost his moorings, ethical and moral, on the way, he may just as well have to matried cating rau flesh and making grunting noises

The Crisis and Us

IS there a crisis? about!

good deal of help 'Moves are have Morary Desai and Patil, afoot, wrote a widely read and respected columnist moves Actually one move too many Then he added, There is considerable speculation as to the next move

To a Delhi-watcher or a Congress-watcher who is an amaten, all this is bound to look dismal So many moves, he might tell himself, and yet everyone seems to be at their posts-escept. Morarii bhai as we learn at the time of going to piess. The Prime Minister herself spent a 'quiet day,' when by all accounts of the days that preceded, she ought to have whiled round, shot through the lobbies, buttonholed people, coerced, coaxed, cooed, thundered, She did nothing of

But there is crisis in the air, and it is generally accepted it moral being," is a crisis of socialism. But what don't believe then is socialism?

What is socialism? The Young Turks no doubt are confused, but outside the Turkish fringe people are certain. They are convinced that the Congress is the only party which can bring them socialism The united fronts, communist and socialist parties and so on want to bring about economic reforms, land reforms, iniumum wages, curbs on monopolis and so on They tend to escape the mam task of bunging about (or is it 'ushering in") socialism. From the 'thirties on, Jawaharlal Nehru began this job, and the party, faced with the stimning alternatives of implementing those policies or accepting his leadership, chose the latter They kept him their leader till his death. They took the vow, each one of them, to believe in socialism and democracy at home and nonalignment abroad

At Avadi, asked what his vision of socialism was, Nehru ism in the space age said that he wasn't at all clear in his mind as to what socialism at Bangalore (reminiscent of meant, or if it could be reaheed during his lifetime. In that Russia would go to the aid other words. Nehru left these of China to crush India since two tasks, the defining of socia- all communists deep down lism and its realisation, to those who were to be in power after have said thus his lifetime

Mrs Gandhi has shown her-The newspapers, as usual are a ed of defining socialism. Nor reality Socialism is Asked the Sceptic of Mr Desai, Sir, but what do we have at present — socialism or capitalism?

Socialism, said Desai Then why do we want to bring in socialism? asked the Sceptic

'Why not^{p'} asked Desai. Sure,' said the Sceptic, now in deep confusion, 'why not?'

But, su, went on the Sceptic after a while, 'will there be capitalists under socialism?'

What a question, you silly!" said Desai But really, we l now nothing about capitalists, because we are committed to The position of the Prime socialism, and our minds are Minister herself in the middle filled with socialism

sceptic, can't you have an enquiry into the houses of monopoly?

Desai grew furious anyone's house capital is very shy

Patil went further He said that socialism meant the en- of course, whether they are rolling of business houses as full members of the Congress This referred only to the houses as corporate entities and not to their individual members, who were free, quite logically, to become members of like-minded parties like the Swatantia Party In fact by enrolling all the business houses as members of the Congress, the accent would be shifted from the individual (a characteristic of a capitalist economy) to the corporate (a socialist value)

At Bangalore, the lay public believed that it was Indira Gandhi who struck the haidest blow for socialism It was Chavan who did it Chavan is a socialist intellectual from Satara a member of the enlightened internationalist movements of his Taluq and clearly destined to re-interpret social-

In a historic pronouncement his old Bombay declaration were one) he is reported to

'Socialism is -' (Pause ..)

The Turks cheered, as this And if there is one, what is it self to be mightily aware of her was the most emphatic declarahistoric task. She has never tir- tion so far of socialism being a

Then Chavan said, 'Bunk.'

There was confusion, and the columnists reported that it looked like moves would be afoot once again Commentators reported ideological struggle and polarisation. The Old Guard maintained that the Home Munster had settled socialism's hash, because, following closely the wise words of Henry Ford, one of the founders of socialism, he had said socialism was bunk. The Leftists maintained that the 'bunk' was really a parenthetical expression and did not relate to socialism

of these two extremes was not 'In that case,' persisted the clear. Perhaps she was improvising a new centrism.

Much is uncertain. The only certainty is that moves are 'I'm a afoot One more spotted was said he, 'and I the PM taking over Finance in looking into and (as moves entail counter-Incidentally, moves) Moorarjibhai shedding Dy Prime Ministership "moves" are towards socialism, "afoot" or subterianean.

Yasmin

-Odd Signs-

On a clerk's table at the entrance of the RTO's office in New Delhi

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At the back of a tanker-lorry, plying in Bangalore.

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'Damsel in distress'



End of a beautiful friendship

TT is distressing to have to re-chit-chat on their way to Bauga-mute hostility was preceded by you though ends, but grin is the lot of the had earlier taken the trouble of fellow passengers in the third-Reporter and duty is no ressurctionising. And now they class compartment they travelled I did tell you on our way to pecter of personal feelings have parted brass rags I feel ed together fly for safety. Here, Bangalore that there was a dis-Tarun Turki, the voung and like saying that even such is is an account, highly edited for tinet possibility of the Syndheager partisan of the Young life and all flesh is grass and so reasons of decorum and respect cate, as you miss to nealling Turk Faction in the Congress, on at this stage to lend the pio- for the law, of the quarrel respected leaders, trying to arand Pandit Purva Panchang, a per moral tone to this piece, but discussions I have been report- bug ing in these pages have, I grieve wounds and bridge the chasm Yes, I am too miserable to bothgueur to mix metaphors while under the influence-chem-of

was only last week, you gasp, over, they were barely on spea was planning to propose Indira- Would you or would you not that I reported their amiable king terms. But this state of ji as then candidate. I believed agree that the members of the

port a quarrel among ful- lore, on the train journey they a thundering row that made known better Turk Faction in the Congress, on at this stage to lend the pio- for the law, of the quarrel self-confessed member of the I am afraid the Editor will blue- aste. Bhar Sabeb Old Guard, whose stimulating pencil it as sanctimomous him-

If only he knew what a to say, quarrelled I sincerely wrench it was for the two! As 1 aback) hope that the rift is not perma- have often reported in the past, Turkiji, there is no reason for nent and time will heal the they were genuinely fond of us to quairel wounds and bridge the chasm each other and attributed their. TT No re each other and attributed their strange attraction to each other. You sit there and tell me that by everything she does or says er about mixed metaphors be- to the fact that neither was a after the coup your friends stag- that she does not care for their sides, in the best journalistic cir- 'Neta', Being mere common gai- cd at the Congress Parliamencles in the country it is do no den variety of Congressmen tary Board? gueur to mix metaphors while made it easy for each to sym-PPP Cou pathise with the other across the this? It is a very proper deci-buff powerful feeling As I said, I ideological divide. But these son taken democratically after hope that the breach will be are stirring times and we can-discussion and voting It is just soon mended, but as of now not allow mere personal feel-too bad that your friends didn't there seems to be little hope of mgs to rule our conduct. When have it their way they reached New Delhi after I know you are astomshed It the session at Bangalore was complacency that the Syndicate us discuss the issue calcul-

Tarun Turki Namaste mc? \imaste vou viper

PPP (Somewhat taken

No reason to quarrel?

PPP Coup? What language is

Pandit Purva Panchang Nam- rive at a compromise by suggesting that Indiran should become the President After all there is no mere convincing way of proving their highest regard for her Come come, Tarun and thus proving then bona fides which are being constantly assailed by our friends. But what can they do if she shows regard or their conciliatory gesture? Even a worm would turn, you know, at such persistent re-

> TT. We mais accurate descuption enough

PPP Look here, Bhar Scele, I am a patient man but there TT And you fulled me into are limits to my patience. Let

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High Command had good rea- was a clear declaration of war. son for being exasperated with the PM?

TT What good reason? PPP Come, come, think I did not watch your friends crow with delight the day the famous 'note' containas a bombshell to the Syndi- out to be, will you beheve me cate

TT Of course, we were de-PPP Very well, then They lighted After all, she did put submitted to it because they ever subverted by people who good reason? did not believe in Congress ideology

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ter of a person Lievere

that particular memory

TT And why then did your friends submit to it so tamely and make it even part of the Come, come, don't resolution, throwing poor Subramanuam's diaft out of the window?

PPP If I told you that it was ing Stray Thoughts hastily put because they were not as antidown from the sick bed came socialistic as you make them

TT I won't

down the policies of the Con- did not want to split the party gress which were being for Would you accept that as a

TT Don't make me laugh

PPP All right I won't make PPP And yet she was agree- your laugh. Now that the chips able both in the government are down, and the moment of and in the party counsels to truth has come, I will tell you the social control experiment. They accepted it because they being tried for some more know how to deal with the sitime And why should she have tuation in their own way. They not told her colleagues in the knew it meant not a thing, and government at least about her the Congress party has passed change of views in good time? a million such resolutions that TT Come, coine, Connade have been ignored in practice She herself has explained it. It. And if it came to that, the PM was what she would have said was careful enough to hedge herself at the meeting and it her bet and leave her escape was because she was alraid hatches open with that referthat illness might prevent her ence to nationalisation being an from attending the meeting alternative to tighter social conthat she put it down on paper trol in the form of increasing How you folks twist even the banks' deposit with the Reserve simplest action into a devious Bink to 30 per cent. The famous five per cent increase PPP Simple action! If ever Well, if you provide vouiself there was a piece of No, I am with an escape hatch, don't be talking about a woman and a surprised if others too use it Princ Minister and the daugh- Morarphhar used the escape hatch readily enough for him to TI Oh! We all know how move the resolution without the you and your friends revere slightest embarrassment. It was not only he who could mam-PPP Bhai Saab, you are pro- tain that there was nothing new voking me. But let me get on in the resolution but the PM with the argument. That note also had to say that there was



"Telling me! I've to face two generation gaps"



"Postpone my public appointments for a week I don't want my speeches eclipsed by the moon-landing

nothing new! Well, have you heard the expression, being I care to continue this converhoist with one's own petaid⁹ That is what happened

TT You, you, low-down cal-

culating

PPP Mmd your language. young man. Just because I befitended you when you were means, let us terminate this hanging around the lunatic fringe of the Young Turk faction fetching and carrying for them, another berth at this hour in any don't think you can talk anything that comes into your head

TT And just because I was decent enough not to cut you dead when you were trying met- But I warn you I will turn the feetually to catch the eye of the other way and not look at you bosses, don't thuk I am obliged to listen to the blithering ney of an old fuddy duddy

quarrel It was all in the game the beginning, this will be a and she lost it She thought that temporary tiff that will be forthese chaps will be so completely demoralised by her master stroke that they would ask her for the subterranean bonds beon bended knees to withdraw tween the 'Left' and the 'Right' the note and then she would do are what has kept the Congress it graciously but exact a price going all these years. How for 1t

TiAnd what would that price have been, may I ask?

PPP. Don't play dumb Her caudidate for Presidency, of they course In the event, didn't ask her for a favour and met her with a united demand for theid candidate Indeed, they made at least one man think that their 'sacrifice'-how they must have laughed in their sleeves-and spirit of accommodation deserved reciprocity

TT You mean Chavan. PPP Of course And no wonder the PM is so peeved with him. And how she showed it.

TT Look here, I don't think sation or for that matter, to continue this friendship I am immediately asking the conductor guard to find me another berth in another compartment

PPP Don't be a fool By all conversation and even the friendship But you won't get other compartment Remember the entire AICC is emptying itself back home

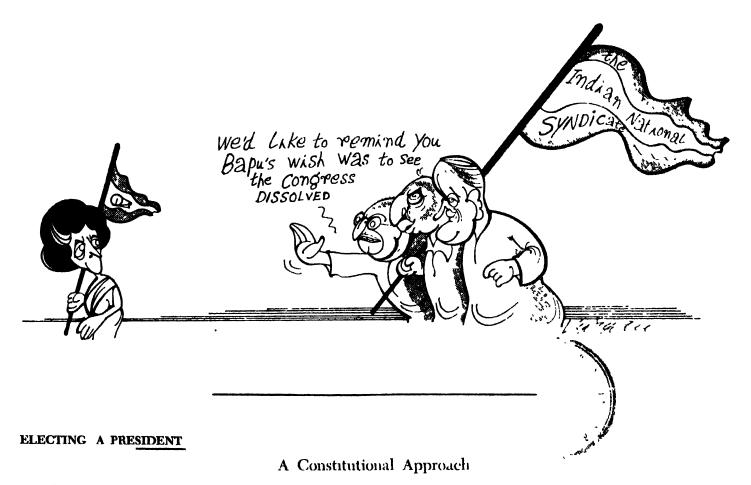
TT Maybe you are right at all for the rest of the jour-

Well, thus ended a beautiful PPP Now, now, let us not friendship Maybe, as I said in gotten I for one think it is a friendship worth resuccitating, about a compromise candidate acceptable to both the factions? How about Prativadi Bhayankaram Appalacharı who wrote to the Congress President urging his deserts to the high office? That should solve several problems at once and make it possible for the most serious crisis in the history of the Congress Party to blow over. And, last but not least, it will end the rift that divided PPP and TT. And if it does not, what will happen to me? Grim

thought!

JASON

20 July 1962



WE have been privately aning good part, traditions solutions including Sri Nanda By elimination, we concluded that Shri Dharma Vua should be acceptable to the Congress as have, however, expressed the well as the Opposition parties The logic is somewhat as follows Opposition parties piefer it would not become too from a President who would hold his as it is not in tune with the own when he does not agree spirit of our Constitution Aus with the Government The Con-tradition of regularly elevating gress on the other hand pre- the Vice President would unply fers someone who is not disin- turning de facto to the Parliaclined to listen to it

But all this is academic discontestants have announced their candidature. We are nerof the contest, which are likely to be ignored in the heat of the - controversy.

Democracy,

some of our views, in our there has been a tradition so say that when the Speaker of anxiety to give a correct lead far of elevating the Vice-Pie- the Lok Sabha is preferred over in the matter of the Presidential sident. Would it not be good the Chairman of the Rajya Sa-Then was it that we for democracy that this tradi-bha, far from giving to the States thought of several consensus tion should win in the coming what belongs to them, it would contest?

view that this tradition should be given up this time so that ment (which elects the Vice President) the prerogative that belongs de jure to the Presidencussion, now that the two main trial electoral college which comprises the Assemblies besides the Parliament This amounts to ther concerned about the rela- taking away the rights of the tive ments of the candidates nor States and, therefore, these conwith the political implications stitutional experts say that the of the contest, like polarization, coming contest is a good opporetc. What we like to discuss are tunity to give up the tradition equal True, say the traditiona-the constitutional implications and restore to the States then lists but that the Rajya of the line of the lists of just rights.

Thus contention on its ground They effectively render unto the Lok Sabha what according to the Some constitutional experts tradition would at least partly belong to the Rajya Sabba and the States it represents

The traditionalists adduce an additional reason why the Chairman of the Rajya Sabha should be preferred over the Speaker of the Lok Sabha They contend that the coming election is in a sense a battle of the two Houses of Parhament, the Chairman and the Speaker being the contestants. According to the Constitution both the Houses are equally important But in financial matters the Rajya Sabha has much less say, States. Has not the candidature showing that the importance of the Speaker for President of the Houses is not that been decided by the (party) Sabha cannot be dissolved tends of them knows, as the Grand to redress the balance, but not Louis did that "the State is Those in favour of the tradi-fully Therefore electing the me " tion (we will call them tradi- Chairman of the Rajya Sabha they say, is in tionalists) are not meeting this as President of the country

would be a good gesture to the Raya Sabha apait from being a gesture to the States as mentioned carlier

The first school counters this, saying that since the Rajya Sabha Chairman is elected by the Parhament as a whole and smee the preponderant number of Lok Sabha Members is decisive in the matter electing the Chairman of the Raya Sabha will not have the effect of underscoring the equal importance of the Rajva Sabba nor of giving the States what belongs to them in Presidential choice

On the other hand, continues this school electing the Speaker, will have the effect (desired by the traditionalists so fondly) of respecting the rights of the

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De-merger and Re-merger

over by a chief minister

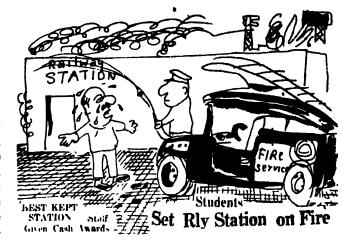
cudians agreed to merge because both spoke the same lan-They continued to speak the same language for 13 disqualified tipsy

The presiding genius of the Nagri was the personification

I ONG long ago there was m years not because he had trim-India what had come to be med his sails to suit the winds known in history as Andher but because he had let sleeping Nagri. It, however, was not dogs (and politicians) lie But ruled by a Raja though it teem- misfortune (or Nemesis?) had ed with Rajas - It was a 'demo- overtaken him the day he startcracy,' and ruled by a cabinet ed resting on his oars. One foul (or was it a cabal?) presided morning he was jolted into the realisation that the vessel might cant over because circumstances The Nagri had itself come had conspired to remove some mto being when the Indian Lal- Blefescudians from near the liputions and the Indian Blefes- helm though many others were still, there

Meanwhile, the dislodged and helmsmen told long winters, though each did themselves that they would ere not always understand what the long go overboard and sink to other said or sought. The com- the abyss of political obscurity numeration gap did not really if they did not mutineer There and Malaya and Singapore had power also to excess and gone the entire slip, well the ves-only produce, the Lethian fluid,

So the Blefescudians mutmeed of supreme bliss, not a little of and screamed for the skipper's which stemmed from ignorance scalp. They asked to part with of political who-was-what. He the Lalhputians. After all, the had had smooth sailing for mergers of Egypt and Syria



"It needed a lot of persuation to make them wait until the cash awards had been made.

matter so long as each let the was just a chance that the skip- had to be undone because of easy thing for one who had other stew in their own juice per, who was a Lilliputian, politico-ideological and other been a co-operator all his life And what a junce it was-pure would then be displaced. If that incompatibilities. The ground on to turn a non-co-operator overgrape juice! But some had dur- happened, one of these DPs which the Blefescudians agitat- night, but he had done it. This ing the period drunk deep not (displaced politicians) might be cd for the separation was en-should yield at least some diviat the Bacchanalian asked to steer the ship If for tirely different the Lilliputians dend though a small one, he They had imbibed some reason they could not sail were swilling the whole of their argued sel might conveniently be split with the result. Blefescudian throats were parched on their own sord

> At long last, a separate Blefesen was formed

> But the story did not end there Nor did the strafe A battle-royal ensued for the captamey One leader, whose involuntary retirement from the cortidors of power had given him the idea of the agitation, clained leadership as a matter of right What if he had sacrificed nothing himself? He had made so many sacrifice so much. At least that entitled him to lead.

> But this logic did not appeal at least to three others One of them in particular was in no mood to be played for a sucker After all, what had he given up a mere ministership for, if it was not in the hope of some thing better?

The second felt that it was no

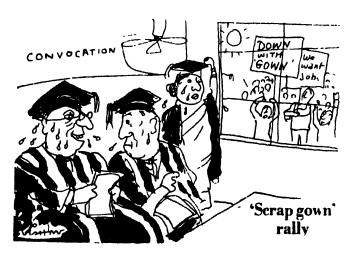
The thud said that if he could not be at the helm, he would prefer "re-integration" with Lilliput because the captam for whose removal he had agitated would make him undisputed monarch of all that he surveyed, no matter how little that was

A fourth said that he had agreed to forget his life-long enmity with the first so that he might rule the roost and have his own back. He would never let his "enemy" shove past him to power The other two, he did not consider worthy of the high office

The war went on and on until all the combatants had tired themselves out. Then the Blefescudians asked the Lilliputians to arrange for a "re-merger".

Moral Politicians are not logical or consistent in anything save that against which the gods themselves wage a war in vain. -

M.V.



"My plans for an conditioning this hall having been rejected, the demonstrators have my warm support."



The Presidential Stakes

OVER the week end, the lime Gandla and challenged the view for a consensus Rashtrapati Bhavan The rift in the Congress party was lent another dimension by Mr Giri entering the lists, confronting the capital's Press with the question whom to back, and, in the process, whom to chastise, the Prime Minister or the 'Syndicate '

"Deplorable" was the comment of the Times of India which started by arguing that neither Mrs Candhi nor the Syndicate has emerged with any credit from the trissle over could do haim to the party but since neither candidate can winwithout some support from other parties, the 'final outcome may quite possibly create new power alignments cutting across party lines and thus introduce new complications in the existing middle. The paper concedes that it is much more inportant for the President to beon good terms with the Prime Minister than with the party managers. But this view does to make a "last number effort" to avert a head-on clash

light has shone fiercely on that the President should be Minister, though defeated in Ministers may change during win in "a larger forum" and, the tenure of a President, it she "could yet seek this candidate may win the Presi- has in mind the Congress dential election. The paper said, Parliamentary Party, as the It was a difficult Presitential election, she may is hardly likely to lend majorchoice as comments would rightly regard it as a vote of ity support to the PM as confidence in her leadership against the Syndicate. What-But conditions have changed ever that be, the Hindustan the Congress choice for Persi- to the attack the next day with opposing Sanjiva Reddy's dener Not only the mlighting an editorial accusing Mr Giri candidatine — in contrast to of including in party polities the dismissal of Mi Ciri as one because he had criticised the who is 'past his prime' and of Mr. Samiya Reddy that the Speaker Speaker of the Lok Sabha should not have lent his name Should resign

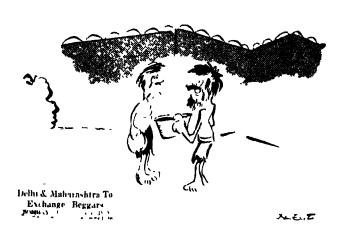
"handpicked" by the PM Prime the Parliamentary Board might held, and even an Opposition remedy" Possibly the paper "If as in 1967, she can decisive- AICC session is over and the ly influence the outcome of the Congress Working Committee and, thanks to her own style of Times sees an escape formula leastership which showed re- in a political comprise" on a hance on a small clique around package deal taking together Congress Parliamentary Board should retire -- the Hindustan sibly a counter to the criticism from his post of Lok Sabha tion could become irresistible"

to party politics and faction against the Acting President, fights. The Statesia in demand-expressing its displeasure at his ed that the Acting President not telling the Congress top brass in advance ("at the appropuate time') that he would Nehru, there is a broad con-The Hindustan Times no contest as an independent if he not imply outright, support to supporter of Mr. Girrs claims, did not get, the party ticket Mis Gandhi's position On the was carefully vague about the The Express favours Mr Sanother hand, the Times struck wider implications of the crisis jiva. Reddy who is 18 years a note of pleading to both sides. It agreed the PM has a valid voyinger to Mr. Giri. The fear point in not considering the that the Opposition parties office of the President as a party may try to cash in on the rift post and in wanting a wider in the ruling party makes the The Statesman, on the other consensus. But then it did not Express, urge, the Congress hand openly entreised Mrs see anybody making an attempt, party to 'rally to a man' round the Syndicate' nominee "If it fails to do so the consequences for the parts will not merely be serious, they will be disastrous," wains the paper which keeps clear of the controversy over the Congress Parliamentary Board's choice and is silent on the dispute between the PM and the 'Syndicate' The fire is conveniently trained on Mr Giri

> In contrast, a frontal attack on the 'Syndicate' is mounted by Patriot The Syndicate's move was "a well-thought-out uva Reddy takes place, it will conspiracy, either to drive Mrs. not be like the contest between Gandhi out of office or reduce Dr. Zaku Husain and Mr. her to a rubber-stamp, be- Subba Rao, "both non-Concause Mrs Gandhi "after much waiting and vacillation, appeared to have come finally to the

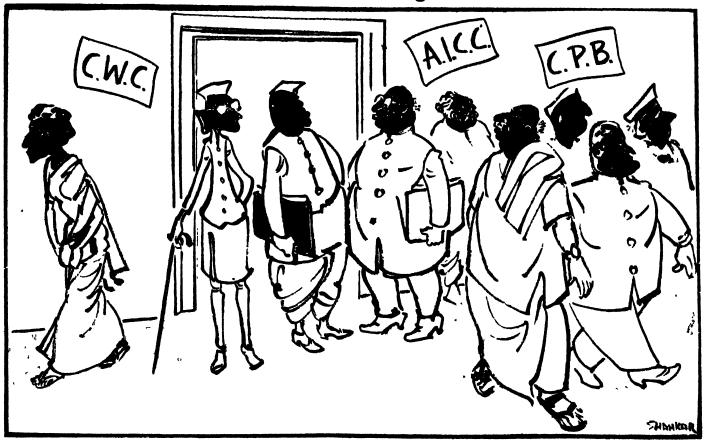
The Prime conclusion that without a more precise definition of economic ends, the Congress brand of socialism would become a camouflage for destructive reactionarism" Prime Minister need not submit to the Syndicate's decision. She can take the issue to the AICC and the Congress Parliamentary Party in both of which, Patriot suggests, she is sure to get support. Patriot has seen significance in the Jana Sangh her, Mrs. Candla has alienated the three posts of President, support to the Syndicate important sections of her own Vice-President and the Lok decision and warns that Resupport to the 'Syndicate' party. The Statesman returned Sabha. Speaker. While not action's objective is to make. the Rashtrapati Bhavan "an incubator for conspiracies and coups " If this becomes so, 'the demand to take an entirein his statement. This was pos- Times only asks him to resign by new look at our. Constitu-

> Lake Patriot, the National The Indian Express came out Herald saw a clash of policies in the PM versus 'Syndicate' conflict "Essentially as in the case of Tandon and Jawaharlal flict of outlooks, though Mr Chavan and Mi Kamarai might take time to realise that in the Parhamentary Board they found themselves in the wrong company" The PM's duty is primarily to the Congress, not to any group of leaders, and more than that to the country She has put life into the Congress with her note on economic policy and "the Congress has a future only if it follows her lead, unless it wants to shrivel slowly or swiftly into a party of vested interests and ultimately into a . rump of reaction" However, the Heiald too ends on a note of appeal for review of the decision, for if a contest between Mr Gin and Mr. Sangressmen."



'Let's hope soon ne'll be exchanged with some affluent country.'

NARADA



Neither Mrs. Gandhi run the Syndicate has emerged with any credit from the Congress meeting

Sweetness and Light"

intend to let Pal Joe McCarthy Chief Minister" tions, his party won one scat Chief Minister" and a half. The half seat was reached the highest they could had to be in power and others a man who had leaning towards offer, both the parties stopped out of power. And since he was them and leaning towards an- He tossed a coin and chose the in a position to spread sweetother party. The one full seat party he would defect to that his party won was his. there were three parties and spectacular, the way he did it had to get to the centre of the other two had equal num- Half way through a speech he things. Which was why he stood ber of seats, he held a rather suddenly said, "I submit my for election to the centre and them were enthusiastic and sucimportant position.

signed by the leader of the tion, and was garlanded, feted horse trading to get him in.

In the elec- Chief Minister"

And in the Assembly where to the other party. It was rather what he saw and felt that he resignation as Chief Minister was elected unopposed And as constill anglers, they were hap-How important he soon found My party no longer has the he took his seat in the halls of py And government took care out. He received a phone call, majority in the House" And as Parliament, people craned their of itself, the people took care "This isspeaking. Join us all the reporters surged for-necks, and sprained them as of themselves, and all the Memand you'll become a senior ward to ask why, he said, "Be- they turned to look at him And bers took very good care of member." He received a tele- cause I've defected, that's why " again there was the same equili- themselves as they frolicked in "gram: "Join us and you'll be And he vaulted over the ben- brium between the ruling party the water a Deputy Minister." It was ches and landed in the Opposi- and the opposition and the same

member of the non-began to fly You'll' become asked why he did such a thing, higher, but he was a very good leftist, non-rightist, quasi-extre- a full fledged Minister" "You'll be said that he wanted to give hand at poker- he had a long mist, queasy-centrist, certainly get Finance" "You'll get "Agri- the members of the other party thin face - and the parties un-Leninist Party. He didn't culture" 'You'll be Deputy a chance to see what it was like ended up asking bin to be "You'll be to be in power He was a kind Prime Minister "You'll be man at heart and would not And having understand why some people ness and light, he did so

Six months later he defected But he was disillusioned with

IJE started as a card carrying other party. And the missives and made Chief Minister When And this time the stakes were

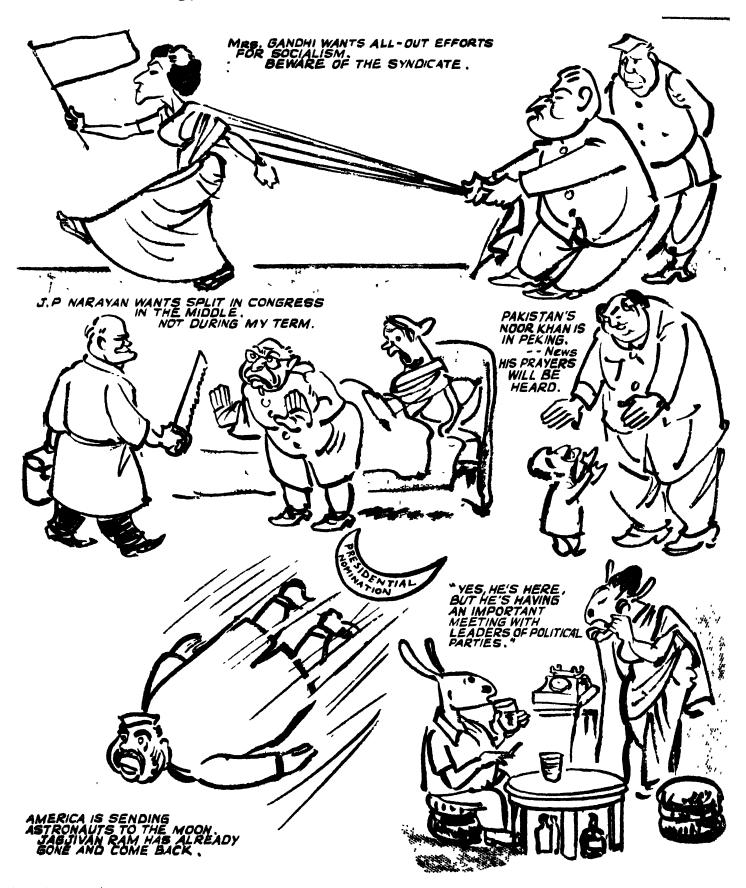
And as he paced up and down the room, he mused, and as he mused he give even more determined, and as he grew more determined he grew more angry, until finally, he came into the House and shouted out "Let's all defect" And so they did They had a grand time at the riverside, and since some of

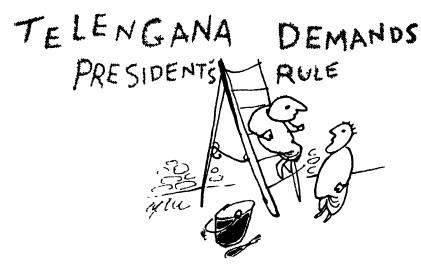
SRIPIVASAN KRISHNAN

March



of Time





"They will be outmanoeuvring us if the President in any case is going to be an Andhra."

Lock and stock

IT is said that in our Golden about security one presumes Age about 2000 years ago, one has assured when carrying come very far since then and about. Except for preventing gines had been dismantled ages in our small flat in Delhi we children below the age of fifhave twelve locks and eightyseven keys I know these figures contents of these suit-cases, it is to the last rusted key because on a ramy day last week, with nothing better to do, I searched each nook and corner and phaned keys of the more expiled these in a heap, in one pensive type which must have less than half a seer was conof those bouts of cleaning up I sometimes get.

Of the locks only four were in proper working order, that is to s v with at least one key fitting, five were in a 'closed' position with no matching key was to see if out of this produplicate keys for those locks which had only one, keys for eigaiette butts? Carried away the ones which had remained by pigeons and sparious to body in the family now even unused for years, and then to make nests on top of the colling vaguely remembers the magic give away the balance junk to fans? Washed down the drain figure which will open it One some kabariwala for such fur- in a heavy shower? ther action as he may like to take about them

as many as fourteen were of the short flat white metal type with fitted in both cases, the locks 10,000 'combinations' possible is a bright young lad next door punched teeth you know the of different make! So two more and if I proceed systematically who has a way with locks. Give ones you get, two of them with locks were retrieved from the and devote a few week-ends, I him a hair-pin and five minutes each leather or fibre suit-case or brink of oblivion and rehabiliattache case which you buy any of these could open any keys neatly with a piece of to consign it to the dust-bin and his profession carefully, that boy suit-case in our own or any string to the right locks and buy a less computed contrap- has a great future ahead of him. body clse's house This should placed them aside; a positive tion? make us pause and wonder achievement.

theft was unknown, nobody one of these things while travellocked his doors and cupboards ling or leaving behind at home lying around for fifteen to when he went out. We have with a newly engaged servant twenty years! The cars and enteen months from getting at the doubtful if these locks serve any useful purpose

There were twentyone orbelonged at one time to locks sidered unsafe or at least unwith well-known brand names You had paid a tidy sum for each lock in the hope that it would open only with the pair Where were those locks now, and three were broken My idea the party of the second part, as the party of the second part, as four circular revolving rings, it were? How do locks vanish? each with the digits O to 9 fusion of keys. I could find Swept away by the servant engraved and the lock opens along with vegetable peels and

Now, trying each key by turn on the shut-up locks and after 1111, 9999 tated to a new lease of service code one day

wind toy cars and engines with. To think that these had been there were half a dozen keys made of solid uon, long and heavy, reminiscent of the era when locks were apparently sold by weight and anything worthy of a solid citizen's house

Among the collection, the one which wornes me most is the of keys which came with it key-less lock which works with a numerical code There are only when the right four-figure combination is lined up. Nocannot just throw it away. It poses a challenge I tried 0000, 1234 etc, but no Among the eightyseven keys, hours of painstaking effort I luck. A mathematician friend was able to find two keys which tells me that there are in all should be able to crack the and anything short of a bank's They were all exactly alike and to the household I secured the cheaper, since time is money, his nimble fingers If he chooses

For several reasons, largely

personal, I prefer living in the present degenerate times, but life in the lock-less society of . the Golden Era surely would have its attractions. I hate carrymg keys. Invariably I lose them and then I begin again with just one in the key ring but keys have some mysterious way of multiplying and proliferating and perhaps reproducing their own kind Soon other keys are added, while the respective locks disappear, and the bunch cuts into the lining of the pockets

One hates to generalise but it would seem that housewives tend to grow bigger bunches of keys than men-folk. In some families, the lady of the house has a huge silver ring, a solid affair, heavier than the scores of keys in it. There is a key for the box containing sugar, one for 'atta,' another for ghee and so on There is pleasant tinkling as the lady moves about the house, somewhat like a kathak Three keys were the kind you dancer in one of the slower dance passages on the stage Everything is locked and all applications for opening a 100m or a box or almirah must be addressed direct to the Chief Conago by the kids, now grown up servator of Keys Heaven help and at college or in jobs. Then the household when the bunch gets mislaid or when the lady absent-mindedly carries it away with her when out shopping or visiting without handing it over to the next in command, usually the eldest unmarried daugh-

> With working women the problem becomes more acute, women the for the family, that is. A lady executive, we know, has with characteristic business efficiency (private sector) evolved a system of separate bunches of keys for each room and individual locked units in it Each key carries a typed tag these bunches hang from labelled hooks on one master keyboard Trouble arises when she forgets to bring from the office the single key which unlocks the front entrance.

Myself, I am also a one-key man. I mislay it often but there Would it be safe-deposit vault succumbs to

H. R. LUTHRA

The Curse of the Goongoo

WHATEVER the lowly pin will remain and ing towards the interior when have read your name on it at to correct my inadventage in the man at the counter growled, a distance of fifty paces." He the matter of the exchange by one advantage over the best "Don't take your umbrella in stuck my ticket behind my ear procuring my umbrella and type of glue, even over the side lt's as good as a bally as both my hands were engrestoring this to its rightful one which can convert two watering can. You better aged, and left me, looking as owner. Now let me forget men into a pair of Siamose leave it in the bucket at the if he'd remember my name and and sleep over it.

Twins, that bits of it will never entrance."

face for a hundred years.

"Let there be t stick to your fingers Similarly, whatever perfection may be company with half a dozen never knew when I'd my meal playing tricks with your umachieved in the matter of pro When I returned, I found that and what I ate Just when I brella, she said "I'm using tection from pluvial deposits the number of umbrellas in the was falling off in a fitful sleep, mine since three monsoons in the form of overcoats, rain- bucket was the same, but mine wife shouted from the front while this Goongooukar article coats and capes, made of was gone. There were two room, 'What have you kept must be your mith, what with leather, rubber, canvas, plastics, alternatives before me now I the dripping wet umbrella outright losses, replacements, paper or mild steel, the lowly could make a rumpus and ruse tightly rolled up for? Why not exchanges and thoughtless umbrella will remain. It is not Gain generally, but would that leave it open so you'll have it lendings. If you don't bring difficult to imagine to what the restore me my umbrella? The dry in the morning." 'umble umbrella owes its sur- sensible man's course was to vival in its struggle with rain- pick up another unbirella and that this was the beginning Goongonkai spread all over coats which are guaranteed to go home without making a and the denouement and the the mabiella gives me a nasty actually lift you over puddles tuss. Immediately a moral denunciation would follow. A feeling as it he were watching or to change into lifebelts it problem presented itself minute later she entered, stood us. you are sinking in the rain granted that you'd to take an arms akunbo and asked omin (75 mehes in two hours, as you umbrella, what should you do ously, are bound to read in some choose a better one or a worse newspaper or other). Well, Here conscience gave a clear the reason is that though all verdict that as you weren't resthese coats allegedly keep you pousible to start the mess, that dry as gunpowder they non- as you were only the propaga- friend or acquaintance of doing the streets with the gory chalantly allow the drip from tor of a necessary evil instead voins, she said acidly. I de-body slung across his shoulder. your hat, your eap, your turban of being the originator of it duced as much because if I staggeted along somehow, or just your head to trickle you could take your pick, and there's one thing I know, it is holding the umbrella way down down your neek, after a good- the only thing you should draw that you are not A. B. Goon- over my head, so that even if ish spell of rain you wonder the line at was taking two. So goonkar and in that ease as the world could read the name, whether the raincoat doesn't I took the best in the bucket, you've parted umbrellas, you they couldn't see my face hold as much rain inside it as and making so little fuss that must be friends of a soit. Then, when I turned the corit keeps out, and the only thing I paid exactly 20-P for my tea Wonder never heard of him ill ner near the market place and quite dry on your body is the instead of paying with 25-P this time, though And why saw the busy shop, I got an inside of the rangeout and the and invite the counter-man's this umbrella gesture. Why idea, which was reinforced by mside of your wallet. The glance a second time at me couldn't you have been content the stopping of the rain umbrella has neither pretention while tendering the 5-P change, with exchanging your handkernor ostentation It protects I scuttled out your head and neck and keeps the run out of your eyes or were three of us and I was the mento? your spectacles. What more third. After I'd got in and indoes a man want? What does advertently hit the conductor he care if the end of his dhoti with the crook of niv umbiclla

over umbrellas brella which was practically a lesson or two, my good Minew But destiny willed it A B Goongoonkar!" otherwise, and I just don't still holding on grimly to my know my name is Goongoon sanity, if not to the umbrella, kar?" which has become clusive. It is there, and yet it isn't.

It happened like this

while treading on his toes, he So with the onset of the gnashed his teeth and said monsoon, our main concern is "Don't you know you've to be Personally I snappy while boarding a bus' thought I was sitting pretty What do you think this is a because during September last goddam bus or a Republicyear, that is towards the fag- Day float? If you were half end of the rain, I had an um- my weight, I'd have taught von

I smiled wanly know what my status is vis-a- said that he was committing a vis the umbrella. Once in a mustake and my name wasn't while I get a nightmare and Goongoonkar, when I drew twice in a week at daytime I back from the precipice and get a hallucination, but I'm asked instead, "How do you still backing a property of the state of the

> Shylock," "Elementary, said, being a knowledgeable "You stood I sort of chap.

face for a hundred years

Goongoonkar²

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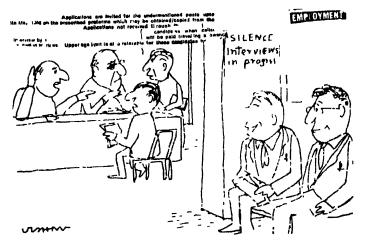
scuttled out chiers or something if you mender of the shop noticed. Then I got into a bus. There wanted to lug around a me-nothing but my umbrella, like

WHATEVER advancement dropped in the Hotel G— for the bus stop with year umbrelled. Okay, okay," I attempted unfurled and an illife the the damming the flood of sarcasm. too of better and better glues, ing cats and dogs. I was head-with a cast in his eye could "By tomorrow, I'd endeavour

"Let there be the very first So I left it in the bucket, in I went home in a daze and showers of rain, and you start your own umbrella tomorrow, I said nothing, as I knew I'll know the reason why! This

> In the morning it was rain Whos this bimbo ing and perforce I'd to walk out with the umbrella, my "A friend of mine. I said feelings being comparable with the murderer's who, by a quirk "Of course he must be a of fate, is compelled to slink

The owner-cum umbrella the chap in Tolstoy's parable



"Your rwal candulates are demanding a probe into your wealth because you've turned up for the interview without claiming any TA"

your umbrella, Mr Goongoonkar"

"Nothing much,' I said deprecatingly

"Not bad stuft," he said appraisingly "Must have set you back by 15 at least. And yet, as the atmote can be proved only in battle the worth of an umbrella can be assessed only m a downpour Slipped a spoke or two?"

'Nothing like that," I said In fact, what happened is that an itineiant umbrella paint r dropped in at our place and the missus, not caring much for appearances or art, had my name painted on it in letters about 6 mehes high. When I opened the umbrella, I found the emblazoning highly distasteful and want it to be scraped off. I'll leave it now and return for it in the evenmg Stuts you?"

Of course," he said "lafty paise, and you'll never know there was any lettering on the umbrella I won't be doing it for the first time you know and he winked

That wink bothered me all the time I was in the office, I consoled myself with the thought that it might have been a muscular tick and presented myself at the shop at 630 PM

"Ha!" said the umbrella mender, or scraper 'You weren't a minute too early"

"Why you finished the job-just now?" I asked

have been some complicaand he looked very tions. penetratingly at me.

' What'" I asked mechanically, feeling like the famous character out of 'Crime and Punishment'

'Surely you don't have a twin brother with the same name, he asked "Because just before you came now, a chap turned up who wanted a spoke fixed on his umbrella I was just starting work on yours, when he noticed the name on and now, and in whatever conthe umbrella and nearly burst That's mine, he yelled I'm A B Goongoonkar! I was badly rattled "You're committing a mistake," I said "The genuine Goongoonkar has asked me to remove his name from this, because it sort of offends his artistic susceptibility. O, he said that, did he, the dirty crook? he asked. Just tell me when he's coming to claim it and I'll wait for him'. I be came diplomatic and said, 'He'll be here at 9 \ M tomorrow sharp. Til be sharper, I'll be here at a quarter to he hissed guashing his teeth. 'And if I don't remove his nose from his face, my name isn't Goongoon kail."

'Some misunderstanding,' I said feebly I didn't think Goongoonkai was such a comaion name, but one lives and getting busy?"

I will 'he said enthusiasti cally 'But mustn't this little misunderstanding be cleared up? If I surrender the um

who saw nothing but shoes, "No, in fact I haven't started biella now and he turns up at "in advance?" asks the guy. So and asked, "What can I do for on it," He said placidly "There 8.45" AM tomorrow, he'll make I raise it to 75 for the urgency, mincement of me If I hadn't and the person goes away with been tactful and told him to his key. This also may be a come tomorrow, he'd have bona fide case, but who knows? thrashing

> "I will not be here at 8.45 tomorrow morning," I said firmly "I want my umbrella, here dition it is, scraped or unseraped"

the mender, tapping me on the clbow 'Listen to me During the four months of the rain T mend umbrellas But during job and close your eyes on the the jest of the year, I make jest?

So what?' I asked, thinking that he was babbling

"Just listen," he said "Nou a man making keys for recalcitrant locks gathers a lot of experience both of locks and of men. He learns to distinguish between right and wrong, between bonafide and malafide, between legitimate and illegitimate, between the superficial and the hidden, between appearances and underlying do ception. Now suppose a manbrings me a lock and a key learns. And now, do you mind and then asks me to make a duplicate. I at once know it's a bonafide proposition and I make it gladly. Now suppose a chap leads me to a door and asks ine to remove the lock in broad daylight with a key or with a jeinmy, because he's lost his bunch of keys. This also is all right by me, because I know burglars haven't got that kind of spunk But lets magne a third case where the guy shows me the print of a key on a slab of wax and asks me to make a key to fit the impression?

"Well?" I croaked, thinking this was Dostoevsky with a vengeance. It had some bearing on my case, but I couldn't imagine what

on the back several times. "I tentatively observe to him that from the Bishop. This time, I it's very difficult to execute this said to myself the umbrella will kind of job, and if he wants it bear no name. to be done, well, I must have fifty rupees 'Do you want it

"No, in fact I haven't started biella now and he turns up at "in advancer" asks the guy. So made mincement of you He I just keep looking up the looks that kind of chap. The newspapers for a week and best way out of it is for me to come to know that the clerk let you both meet and thrash from the -- office has decampit out between you" And he ed with the cash of twenty subbed his hands, as if he'd thousand, or that the nephew like to be the referee at the of the merchant Chhotalal rifled his uncle's safe and was arrested on his way to Calcutta, in the company of a cute-looking dame. This clerk or the nephew may be the same as the one who brought me the wax impression, but why should l" I bother? If I were really hard "Sit down, not so fast, said at heart, I'd not only have be mender, tapping me on the taken the 75, but also demanded a 50-50 split in the loot. But my principle is, stick to your

> "Now, about that matter of the umbiella -" I began in a hurry

"That was what I was leading up to," he said "The question presents itself, is it your own name or is it not? And I say to myself, You contounded pernickety mender of umbrellas, you mind your own business. Okay, so I'd have sternly admonshed myself and finished the job, but for the other Goongoonkar turning up Now I ask myself, who's who? The problem gives me a headache Should I finish the job for a measly 0.50 and face the other Goongoonkar at 845 sharper? How about a fiver? he asked, the last words popping out like pistol shots

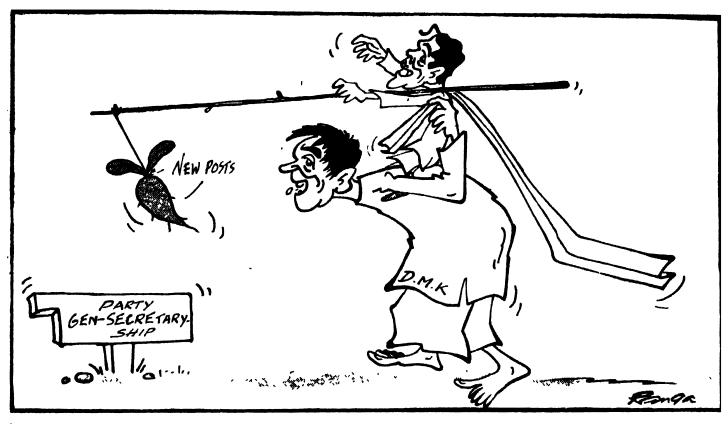
"I'll think over it," I said, leaving him in a huiry.

Twenty minutes later I was seated - no, you can't guess it till I tell you -, in the Hotel G--, sipping my tea and looking at the buckets at the entrance each of which contained at least six umbiellas. I thought I was purged of the passion for possessing umbrellas, but deep in my sub-conscious, I was feeling like Jean Valjean when he'd put his foot on the two-franc piece of poor little Gavroche, even This is where I've to watch when he was bursting with my step," he said, patting me good thoughts and was holding on to all the silver collected



'You'll be well advised to await settlement of the strike because a deep depression in the Bay, moving towards the coast, may disrupt rail services

G. V. KULKARNI



Mr Karunanidhi has lunted at expansion of the Tamil Nadu Cabriet after the election of the General Secretary of the DMK Party

When the prayer was granted

LATE that Sunday morning, dew had fed and drunk the spoon, all solid silver! Forty-Prema returned from the milk of paradise Annual Day sports of her club She caracoled into the study, cutting the figure, to use the poet Wordsworth's immortal poet diction, of "a lovely apparation, sent to be a moment's ornament, her eyes as stars of twulight fair, like twilight's, too, her dusky hair, but all things else about her drawn from May-time and the cheerful dawn; a dancing shape, an mage gay, to haunt, to startle, and waylay" Sho fox-trotted around a little, and then dropped into the deep leathern chair in front of me, breathing hard A tew moments passed She regained her normal respiratron.

"Had a nice time?" I asked her.

"Wonderful," she said, looking at me as if she on honey-

"Witnessed the sports?"

"Participated in them"

'Ah What events?"

"Egg-and-spoon race"

"How did it go?"

"Came first Annexed the first

"Did you? Congratulations"

And Prema opened her big black purse, and took out an oblong card-board box She opened the box, and extracted something wrapped up bright-red tissue paper She ripped up the paper, and exposed to my amazed view a glittering object

"A silver spoon! A large letter."

five rupees! Feel it!"

And Prema handed the silver prize to me "I'll go change my wear," she said, and vanished like a sprite. I ran my eyes over the silver spoon, weighed its bow and tapped it against egg and spoon race?" Prema my palm. At this point came the postman's knock at the front-door. I put the spoon on the desk by the window, and went for the post I came back with a comple of letters. I sat in my chair and composed inv self to read them

Prema came in She wanted ber spoon

"It's on the desk," I told her absorbed in my first letter

"It's not there!" she said

"Let me get through this

'You just let that letter alone, linny's father, and attend to

Please Premat?

'Where's my spoon, my silver spoon, the prize I won at the demanded of mc, snatching away that letter from me

"It's on that desk, woman," I velled at her

"It's not there man!"

"I put it there"

"It's not there Come on, let me have no silver spoon"

I told you I "

"Don't play any jokes on

"I'm not playing any jokes on

vou

'My silver spoon!"

as I am alive'

You didn't You're hiding it somewhere Come on, now

Then where is it?"

'How should I know?'

"You've got to know $M_{\rm Y}$ spoon, my spoon my silver spoon!"

thing have gone? I set the let- the spoon Amen!" ters aside, got out of my chair and began searching for the books themselves, my hat, my ing me down, down, down pockets, my shoes, the cupboard. the bed-room and its things, the kitchen and its things, the bath-room, the store room, the closet, every nook and cranny Prema feebly, my top all bandwere combed through No aged up and throbbing spoon

search

and moved up and down and Prema explained

round about the street, looking for the errant spoon, a troop of noisy urchins following me No spoon I stood on my front-I put it on that desk as sure door step, and peered about There was only one thing to do now Send up a prayer for the spoon Mighty, indeed, is the power of the prayer Men like Candhi and Dr. Alexis Carrel Prema believe me Im not and Norman Vincent Peale hiding it anywhere found the prayer a most wonderful healer and restorer A great scholar has said "Prayer is the greatest power available to the individual in solving his personal problems." Incredible iniracles have been worked by prager, and why shouldn't I get the spoon through prayer? O Lorde I muttered, "O Heav-And the mystery of the miss- only. Father! Listen unto this ing spoon struck my sentient prayer of the humblest of Thy being, almost causing a dent in children. Send Thou, in Thy it. Where could the blasted infinite mercy, O God unto him

The next moment, there was lost spoon. The desk, the draw- a loud caw, and the whole Cosers, the waste-paper basket, the mos seemed to have dropped 10% furniture the book shelves, the plumb on my bare head pitch-

'What happened?' I asked

"A marauding crow dropped a heavy spoon on your head. It Perhaps you threw it out of must have seized the spoon the window in a fit of absent- from somewhere. You collapsed muidedness." Prema suggested with a wound on your head. I at the end of the hour long got you into this bed with the assistance of a couple of neighbours. The doctor was called And I went out of the house, in He did everything needful,"



"We're triping to ascertain views on concentration of wealth from individuals who have made it'

cut You'll be all right tomor- fully, grabbing the spoon.

'Here it is"

Thank God!

But it isn't my silver spoon It's a stamless-steel one

The Income-tax Officer's wife whanged in at this juncture

'Look, Prema!" she shrilled, holding up a big bright spoon "This is the spoon you told me you'd lost in strange circumstances! There's your Annual

"Is there any hope for my Day sports inscription on it!"

"Nayantara, where did you "It's nothing Just a small find it?" Prema shouted glee-

"You see, Prema," said Nay-"But the spoon! You got back antara, "I bought, a beautiful your spoon?" standess-steel spoon, and gave it to my hisband to see, and he lost it somehow, and I gave him, a whacking big speech, and he left the house to look for it, and he says he prayed to God to return it to him, and he got that spoon of yours right on his head, poor hairless head!"

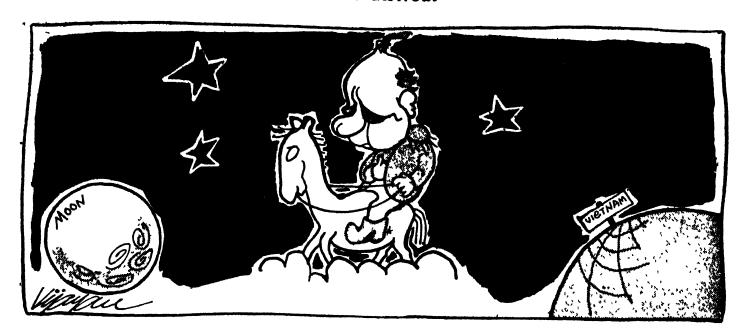
> It is not common for bedridden husbands with fresh head-wounds to sing songs. But I started sugging one

> > M. A MAZMIIDAR



SHE IS VERY FORGETFUL AND SOMETIMES STUBBORN AND SENSITIVE AND MY GRANDMOTHER COMES AND SPENDS IMPATIENT. WE HAVE TO PLEAD A FEW WELKS WITH US. WITH HER. BE GENTLE AND KIND TO HER.





BOOKS

Temperance for Take-off?

B, D. Sharma Prohibition and Economic Development or Sharma desires in a less expen- from his conclusion that drink Can We Afford to Drink? All India Prohibition Council New sive way Delhi 1969 (Pp 73, price Rs 2/-)

THE 'Development Decade' to Robertsonian mathematics to by much development, but not emphasized that nothing is prolation to economic development of assumptions Having drawn with the result that one should one such curve, Mi Sharma renot be surprised to come across marks that 'the behaviour of the hereafter titles like 'Quarelling curve is interesting" (p. 15) With (own) wives and Economic Development, 'Economic Implication of getting decaying teeth removed, etc. So Mr Sharma's title is in tune with Sharma's title is in tune with As regards the economics of dunkers' families then non (shall we say) the spurt of our the matter, Mr. Sharma feels drinkers' families. This of

To the question "whether as a nation we can afford to drink?" which the author ad-dresses himself, his answer is that we cannot, because drinking is at the expense of economic development to a significant extent. The first part of the booklet is on the sociology hibition A regime without prodoes not show significant variation for drinking in terms of curves, hibition but with prohibitive tion (p. 72), which should make ment symbols and equations which rates of taxation on liquor would Mr Sharma ponder whether it

may not have been marked skip. In passing, it should be because economists have not ved about the nature of a condone then best. They have dis- crete situation by merely drawcussed almost everything in 1e- ing curves on the basis of a set which only adds to the general amusement caused by the sociological discussion

that resources now going into course is a matter of arithmetic liquor production have better considering that non-drinkers alternative uses. But this is also have one item less to dispose true of other types of production their income upon! In any case, leading to conspicuous consum- this in itself need not be too ption. More important, which alarming because expenditure the author fails to consider, is on food items does not show weighing the resources going in much variation among the two ers provide them some amuseto liquor brewing against the categories of the cost of effectively enforcing pro- (p 59) Mr Sharma advises those prone probably yield the results Mr does not detract a good deal

On the consumption side, Mi sumption patterns of drinkers' 32) Nonetheless, Mr Sharma Maharashtra to reach some of his conclusions

Thus, too much should not be made of the fact that for the same income group items other than drinks get less among This of families And savings also

ing retaids growth

What is commendable in the Sharma observes sadly that booklet is the genuine concern very little is known about con at shows about the welfere of the people. But to be effective, and non-drukers' families" (p. the All India Probibition Councd, which has published this makes use of some not so well book, should sponsor its own known study of four towns in systematic studies. For instance what happens to the efficiency, as measured by incomes, of both the categories over time? And all dimkers should not be clubbed together. Addicts and those who help themselves occasionally are qualitatively different from each other. It is held by some that moderate drinking is actually good for health, does this probably account, partly, for 'medical care' getting less among dinkers' families (p.61)? 'Amusement and Recreation' account for more among drinkers' tamilies (p.65). Is it because drinkment that non-drinkers need not spends as much for deriving a comparable measure of annise

SANJAY

at the gate of the show-newly appointed servant to one of the knobs is still a secret Chowkey, a pedestrian shaking room, pert like the toy horse that use, the old college bla-between the car and her maker; his fist and offering to see the has become the emblem of Cot-zer to which too I was attached and the absence of a dial from colour of my innards, and a tage Emporium the new car I in a manner of speaking and the gaping hole intended to take middle-aged lady in the back

was never intended for, she to her disintegrated one day. Hence, purchased

mean, God forbid that I call the which I gave up, indeed the old it is a secret between the mak- seat of a passing car poking her old wife pert or horsey. Or ey car was an acquisition when we er and his Maker started the family But Z had grown over the years, and when Whatever happened to the I was away on Aucht she always old car? Well, haven't you had a suspicion I used to worry heard of metal fatigue? After more over what was happening monk's vitamin pellets, was re-17 years of wear and tear she to the car I had left behind than

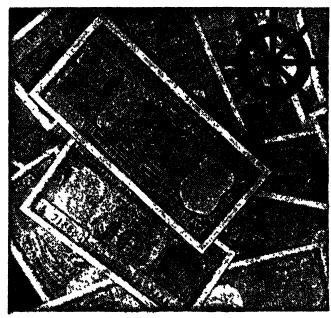
years in New Delhi, a special Neil Armstrong entering Apolpermit wangled and a new car lo-11 I took my seat behind the wheel Instead of the 2 or 3 started raining, solid sheets of ing as if she had just completsimple gadgets the old tail-less matter a la Bombay. I had ed the East African Safari This car is a recent connect wonder possessed, this advanct perforce to roll up the vandows. Talk of Neil Armstrong and his tion and Z won't get jealous of ed model had to prove the pro- and shut myself in ventilation 35 kg of moon-"earth" and my developing a supra-marital giess in automobile engineer- or no ventilation. En joule, the jock I had collected an almost relationship with her Not that mg by carrying a battery of combination of unused condi-equal amount of earth-earth and the old heap of a car was from dials and knobs. I had heard the mon of car and impractical con-road-metal on various parts of those happy-go-lucky pre-Z dealer rattle off the function of dition of driver gave use to mi- the new earl days, like the second hand bicy each and no doubt the badly nor mishaps, with a policeman cle to which I was rather at- printed booklet gave full in- taking out his notebook and

Anyway, the car moved-after a fashion. I tried one or two buttons and like Bonny the Astrowarded by flashing indicator lights in different colours. More

THERE she stood expectantly tached and which I gave to the structions, but the purpose of olfering to escort me to the head out and offering advice at the top of her voice.

Perspiring alike from weather as well as embarrassment, I at last brought the car home. Then fell the car and me in the hands of Z and there followed a as a result of will power than merry round of temple visiting, the contacts built up over two door, then, and like part of the Bombay traffic plan car-showing-oft. After the end of one week and two tank-To add to my discomfiture it fuls of petrol, the car was look-

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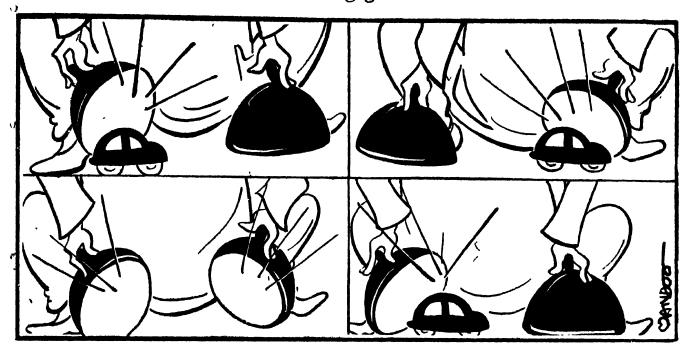
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The small-car project in the public sector may still go through -Report

FILMS

FRENCH FILM FESTIVAL

"Le Viel Homme et l'Enfant"

THE old man is delightful, al-The little boy is delightful, although he is a war-time eva-ring true. The only time when humble biography unfolds we cuee and supposed to be half. Berri handles the underlying see her own small world as the sick with feat and worry that theme of injustice and fear is unpersonal trap to which she happy, is a powerful and skilhis circumcision will be noticed The countryside is delightful, in pite of the Petain regime A a scene of pure tragedy on the kill us for their sport lovely time should be had by station platform. all those who like chocolate box confections of wine-swigging, barnyard clucking, homely pleasures, earthy jokes and the his ineffectual son, his relation to understand Biesson's flat narwholesome capers of children ship with his dog-it only a les- rative on the objective misigniin the country.

brothers under the skin will go tv down well with those who like their pills sugar-coated

But there is something intrinsically specious about serious old, utterly deprived of love, ed girls in her school, her his-anyone to involve oneself in social (the negro problem vide filled with a sluggish black miliation everywhere because other people's pains? Sidney Poitier) and historical moat of emotion and with a she is shabby and unattractive, (fascism) evils being made pal-fourteenth century madonna's and she looks as though nothing

this film is a set formula which not wholly successful exercise could have been used for a hundred other situations. The autithough he is anti-semitic semitism bit is brought in to poacher trapping his feathered give it flavour, but it doesn't quarry, and as Mouchette's ring true. The only time when humble biography unfolds we when the parents of the child succumbs in the end "As flies ful portraval of her place in the send him away to the country-- to wanton boys are we, the gods

son didn't have to be driven ficance of suffering home The old fellow is con-Claude Berri's background verted in the end but at the finger wagging that all men are expense of the director's integri- conveyed through an unhuman viewer too remains detached

"Mouchette"

The first shots prowl after a cher who ravished her.

"Mouche" means "fly," and how to take it, she is more sin There are enjoyable things in one doesn't have to stretch the ned against than suming the film-the old man's foibles, analogy to Lear's bitter speech

starkness. Her sullen face, her It is impossible to identify with feet dragging in their clogs, her Monchette her sufferings are ungainly legs, her brutish father, too much her own. Is this, then, her revengeful mud throwing at what the director is trying Another child, fourteen years the happier-placed glossy-hair- to say? That it is impossible for

way She can give affection, to her baby brother, to the poa-

The fanground scene with Mouchette bumping around in a dodgem, half afraid, half world Being moved around by some outside agency, bumped by the other cars, not knowing

Bresson remains aloof from his victim, and by his detachment lets his other characters themselves account for their intro-Monchette's miserable life is verted and callous natures. The

An interesting thought but atable with the aid of sentimen-blank, suffering face is the sub-could affect her. But she is one is left with the uneasy tal moralising. The cuteness of ject of Bresson's admirable, if vulnerable, in a blind, clumsy feeling that the film is some-

"Alexandre le Bienheureux"

Oh unhappy Alexander! Bulhed unmoreifully by his blonde Amazon of a wife, fetching and carrying, hocing and harvesting, ploughing and milking, every day, every waking hour for ten long half-asleep years

The Amazon is catapulted to her heavenly home, via her powerful Citioen, and Alexander is free Freedom! A blissful life begins, in bed, with his intelligent mongrel for company The villagers are outraged at reffice, "But I haven't" this flagrant insult to bourgeor values they bully, lecture but Alexander remains oblivi-ous, and in bed

by the skin of his teeth

There are lovely visual de- snared by natural beauty Birds, fish, fields and water become an organic The gropings, the evasion of experiment with time. part of Alexander's physical enhis past are brilliantly portrayjoyment, which changes him ed by Resnais in fragmented, What Resnais has

"Je t'aime, Je t'aime."

"How does it feel to pull through? Claude Riche, who has tried to take his own life.

and use guerilla tactics on him, an end, time itself are Resnais' obsessions. His favourite method the farcical and often very funtilate that he has progressed since my quality of Yves Robert's film "Hiroshima" and "Marienbad" carries a serious observation on Shades of science fiction, and a the rat race and the material wonder drug help Claude to motivations of society. Alexan- explore the past and a moment

what incomplete, a strangulated prison house of habit to be an time, in the present and the negligence allows her to die. catharsis.

her to die. catharsis. be anarchist, and he succeeds only past, he surfaces, he catches This doesn't help of course. You moments of it and loses them; can never get away from the he grasps the moment, is encentral problems of Life, Death snared by that particular and so forth, so he tries to kill lights in Robert's affection for moment and is destroyed in it.

> joyment, which changes him ed by Resnats in fragmented, What Resnais has to say is from an oafish automation to a slippery shots and the viewer's not very original His "original" truculent, bearded giant of a attention is directed along these method fails because the chaprojections to and fio, but it racters are totally unsympathe-only works for a while One's tic. Perhaps Resnais wasn't sufconcentration sags because the characters become tilesome.

Claude lets his mind swim along thoughts of time "It As bland as blancmange and doesn't pass for me, but I'm as thought-provoking as a worushing towards it at 60,000 kms man's-magazine tale is this story Death, tune rushing towards per hour" His girl friend is a about a schoolmaster's fight to chronically depressed case who rescue his reputation. dabbles in the dilemmas of of flashback is used again, but fashionable existence (fashion-Alexander is a drop out, and as if he were trying to prove "It's all the same," and "when three of his girl pupils of iapp, of farcical and often very funthat he has progressed since you are happy to think you'll or near-rape He pulls through, quality of Yves Robert's film "Hiroshima" and "Marienbad" lose it all one day is unbear- and that's it

der knocks convention and the of time Claude is caught in patience one day and by wilful unintellectual Delhi

himself. The scientists pick up the pieces to subject him to an

ficiently interested in them and too much in his ideas.

"Les Risques du Metier"

Jacques Brel, all simian and

Strange fare for an export Understandably, Claude loses film festival, even though it is

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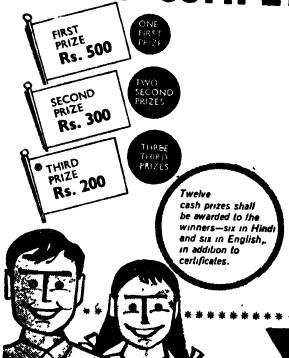
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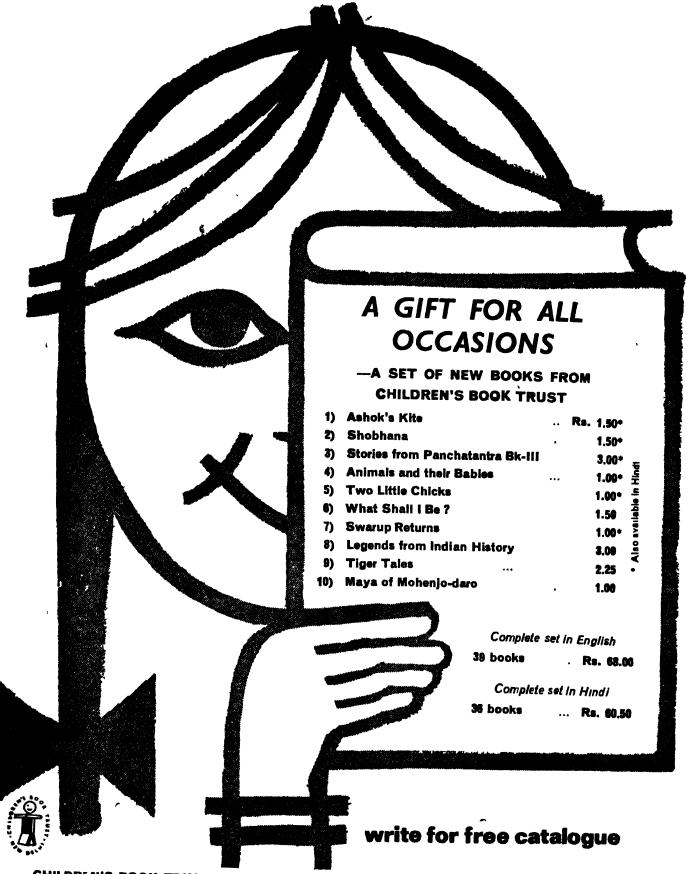
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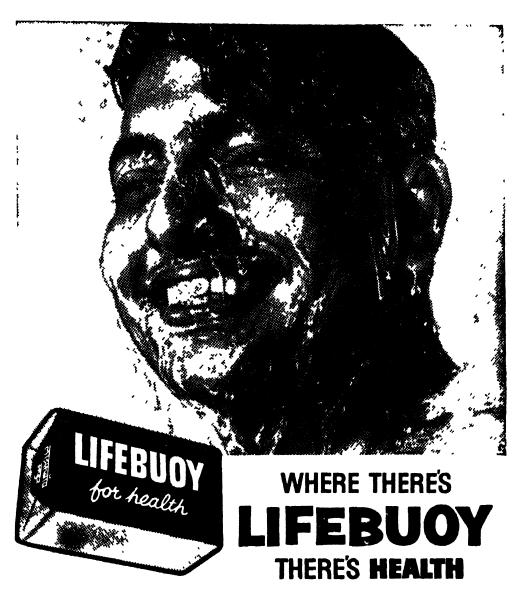
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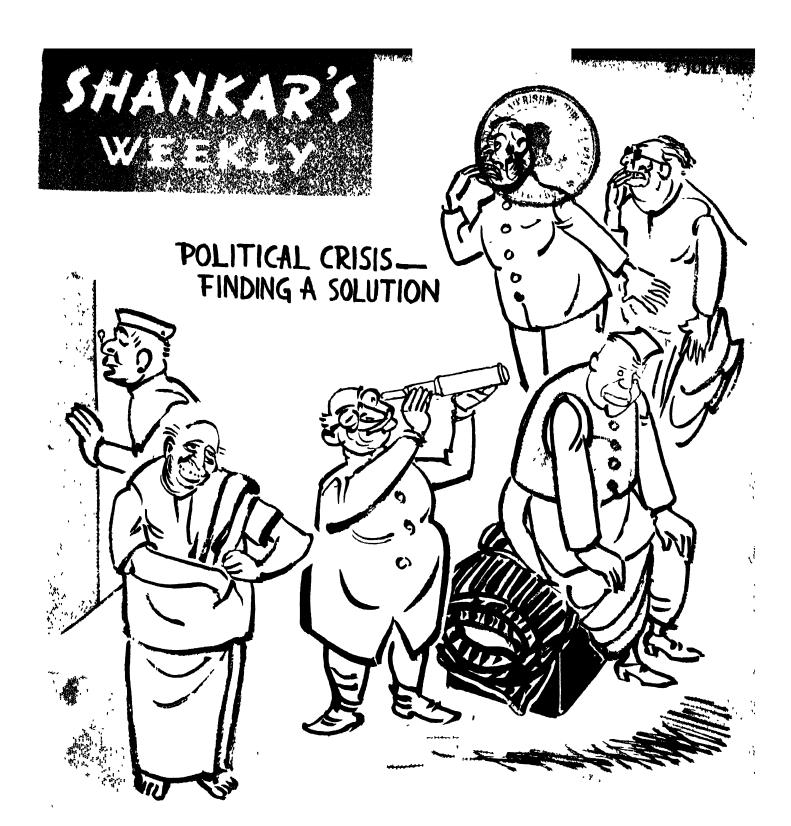
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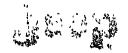




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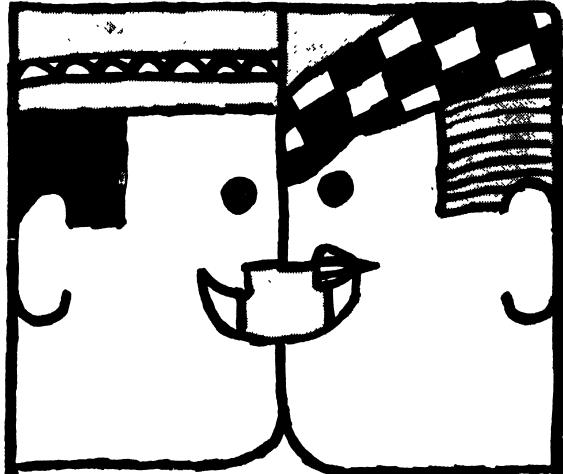


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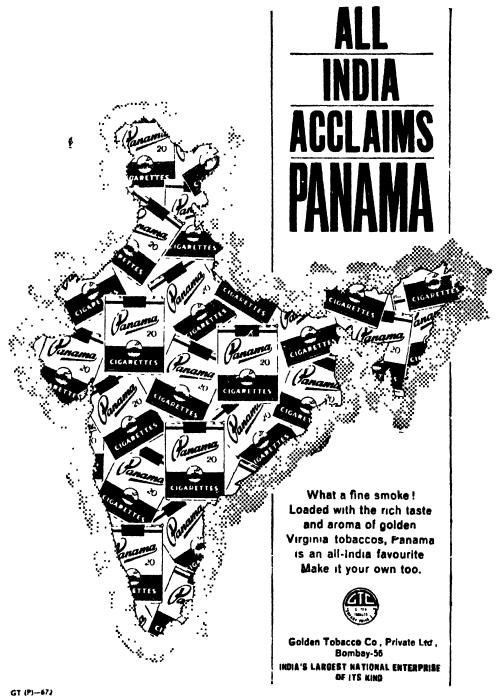
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FREE THINKING

PRESIDENT NIXON'S visit to some Asian countries including India bringing with him the aura of the Apollo 11 success is not merely a matter of gameing prestige though no doubt the Republican Administration would like to gather whatever kudos it can. He is going around to find out how long the US can retain its military presence in Asia as a counter-weight to the USSR primarily and to China secondarily. The theory of the power-vacuum following the American fiasco in Vietnam and the British pull-out east of Suez is part of the thinking in Pentagon and the State Department Our Prime Minister can go on denving the existence of a power yacuum but the US does not believe so. The US can never believe that there may be independent countries willing and able to sustain their soevereign rights without going under the wing of any superpower but taking the political direction dictated by the people's own ambitions and requirements

A good deal of aminumtion to the Pentagon has been supplied by our own anti-communists and free-enterprises who see in American protection the only hope of retaining their status and privilege as the ruling class. They are prepared to invent a communist danger when there is not one normally But the propaganda effect of a militant Maoist China straining to swallow all her neighbours has been a godsend to them It is this group that will buttress Nixon's conviction that what India requires is not greater industrial and agricultural production, not more gainful employment for the many and less conspicuous consumption by some, but guns under the acgis of an American presence either on land or sea or, failing both by air.

How will the Indian Government counter this proposal made, as US publicists would say, for our own good? The highly complex international situation and the incapacity of our government to take the mass of people as their allies make us vulnerable to American pressure Even the Soviet proposal for Asian collective security which does not seek to have military overtones and is thus wholly different from the American is gust to the mills of the Pentagor

The Left-ward stance of the Indua Gandla government however half-hearted, will have made the US only eager to bogin meddling again in our internal and foreign affairs. The point is whether the government can show some guts at last and unmindful of PL 480, World Bank and the IMF, take up genuine nationalist postures

Mr. Nixon is certainly going to exert every nerve to bend us to his will He will have the support of the powerful segments who are not alone selling the larger national good for their sectional interests. Will the government buckle or will it stand?

The 'Man' of the Week



PLEASE TURN OVER FOR PEN PORTRAIT

The 'Man' of the Week

IF HICH is the real India Gandln² The hold mitulor of socio-eccioniu reforms define rested interests and then foreign patrons or the instrument of the Congress machine to batter and pull down leftist covern-ments as she did once while Concress President* Is she the dedicated socialist she proclaims to be or only one out of compulsion' Bank na tionalisation was a couractous act certainly but if that is unaccompanied by follow up action to see that circlit goes to the poorer sections and not to the big and middle business houses. She might just as well have not taken over the banks

But for all that she will have first to rement the Congress Party into a genumely Leftist organization committe ed to certain social processes An influencial part of that party is against the public sector and for private enter mise against land reforms against non-alignment and friendship with the Societ bloc Can she used them out? Above all does she realise that it is a running fight from now on between her and the on ne range of industrialists, neuspaper owners landlords haison men con men and centact men the flastam and jetsam of a bingeoning acquisitive society, and that she need expect no quarter from them?

Or will she like Harold Wilson in England before the gnomes of Zurich, retreat before the World Bank and the IMF and become a tattered pseudo socialist mouthing empty pluases? There is deep cause for disquiet because Indua Camdhi shoued her true colours, if indeed they are true, under the pressure of political events within the Congress Party She has struck out boldly but it is the second third and final strikes that are more important. Does she have the necessary reserves, the political skills and above all the nerve for this undertaking's Before the young, radical India gives her their total loyalty they will have to watch what she does in the next few weeks, months, ucars

Shifting alignments

with her masterly stroke of takme over the fourteen major banks in the country through in ordinance, the issue of Morarμ Desai's resignation became no more than a splittering fusc when the two Houses met on Monday morning The Opposition was sharply divided Mi-Desai got his share of cheers and sympathy from the Jana Saugh and the Swatantia just is Mrs Gandhi had her applease from the Communists The Congress benches had prets ty little to do in the situation. The statement of Mr. Desar on his resignation, which was large. ly on the same lines as his speech the previous day at the Congress party meeting as well as the counter statement of the Prime Minister had all the essentials of politely and differences. set for parhamentary record But it was clear that nobody was gone; to break heads on an issue which was closed it least temporarily. This however did not prevent Mr Vajpavec from demanding an immediate discussion on Mr. Desais state ment and Mr. Madhu Limave pitching in to say that a discussion was called for because it involved a battle of principles

In contrast, the ordinance on bank nationalisation continued throughout the week to draw attention first as Mr. Vajpavee. and Mr. Dandekar raised objecttions on grounds of propriety to the issuing of the ordinace piect and later as the Suprememembers that the Government the Government's banks take over, the two parties in the Lok Sabha had mainicasons for the ordinance, leaing it to the Communist benches to cheer her The SSP further joined the Swatantra and the While he had little success in Note. Items for 'Odd Signs' Jana Sangh in staging a walk-objecting to the House discuss-should be factual and not instay order, their

THE Prime. Minister having being that the House was being was able to persuade the Deputional off the Syndicate made to sit for the 'convenity Speaker to hold over the call-

The configurations in the Opposition underwent another his statement. But that did not transformation when Mi Ram lessen the vehemence of the Subhag Singh tose to make his clash between the Communists statement on two major railway on the one side and the Jana accidents. The demand initial- Sangh and the Swatantra on the . Is raised from communist benthes that the Deputy Speaker admit their adjournment motions from Mr. S. N. Dwivedi as well as Mr Banga, the latter discubing the Railway Minister as dents The Deputy Speaker re-leuted to the Opposition demand for a discussion which when it took place, pic hetably ended in the demand for the Minister's resignation and the sacking of the whole Railway

sition became manifest again misused but that it had not been when calling attention notices used properly against commuwere answered in both Houses mist extremists on the reported statement of Mi E M 5 Namboodurpad and Mi A K Gopalan on the wrecking of the Constitution In the Raya Sabha, Mr. Dahyabhar Patel wondered if the Government had still doubts about the policy of the communists after seeing what happened in Czechoslovakia and asked, if the Government could issue an ordinance to take ever banks why could it not issue another ordinance to ban communist parties The demand to ban the CPM when Parliament was about to came specifically from Mr Kulkarm on the Congress benches Courts stay order evoked in- as well while the Minister of sistent demands from Communist State for Home Affairs Mi benches and several Congress VC Shukla sought to explain difficulty numediately introduce the Bill undo the Constitution to ban to replace the ordinance. Des- any party except for its secespite the SSP PSP support for the sionist activities Mr. Nuen Ghosh trying to defend his party countered with the charge that tamed cold aloofness when the the Jana Sangh, the Swatantra Prime Minister explained the and the "Chavan lobby" in the Congress had joined to attack the CPM

out from the House late on ing a statement, which accord- vented and should as far as Tuesday when Mrs Gandhi ing to him was not correctly came forward to make her state- reported to the House by the ment on the Supreme Court's Minister, his colleague in the issues of the Weekly for every grievance Lok Sabha Mr Ramamurthy item published -Ed., S.W.

made to sit for the 'convenity Speaker to hold over the callence of the Prime Minister ing attention notice on the subject so that Mr Copalan could enculate an authentic copy of other in the House

The discussion on the amendon the subject received backing ment to the Uulawful Activities Act which followed this rumpus of the morning in the Lok Sabha on Wednesday again the Minister for Railway Acer- brought Mr N. G Ranga on the seene accusing the Government of not using its powers to curb the activities of "extremist" com-numsts. To Mr V C Shukla's claim that the Act had not been used to "harass" the Opposition parties during the two years it had been in operation, Mr. Ranga added that his party's The divergence in the Oppo-charge was not that it had been

ABSENITI GALLIBAMAN ...

Odd Signs-

On a dustbin fixed to the wall at a private bus stand in Combatore

If you drop any dust or scrap on the ground you have to clean whole premises for one full day.

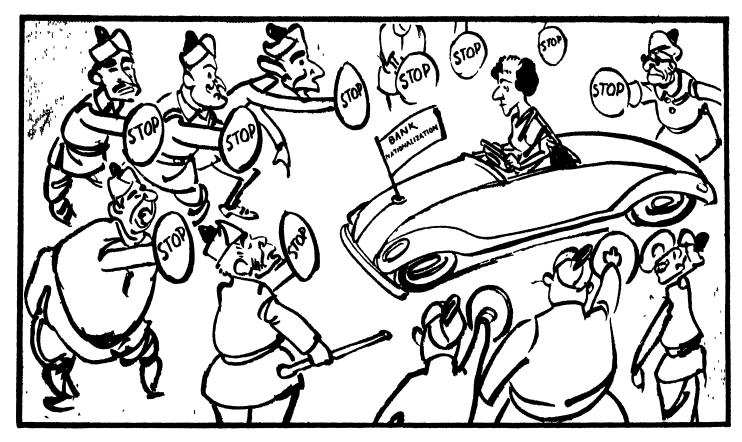
Outside the cabins of a restaurant in Calcutta For ladies and attendants

A Mysore Department of Horticulture sign Eat what you can Can what you cannot

At Parel, Bombay Try your luck Lottery sold here Rs. 2,50,000 lakhs

possible be in facsimile Senders urll receive two consecutive

Obey the law



Several parties has sought legal verdut on the banks nationalization dinane

Hot Line

Kosygin to Nixon

Congratulations for a mode- you rately good job (I mean the moon business, if you don't know.) It was a pity, though, Your ignorance of realities is spacemen. You, in total dis-men would let them many case that your success lost much of astounding. The Russian work-regard of the needs of world. We do things not for the money the limelight by Luna's failure Soviet working people are ahead of the American imperia-

Nixon to Kosygin

Luna couldn't lift off, and could to spot the Czech who invited dollar We offered to send you relay back to Moscow no more us it is true that no Dominican Liberman to put some optimhave given you anyway. In fact, committed aggression I have a friendly suggestion to offer Why waste your money? USIS running a substitute for noney are dropping out in large The poor dear Russians (whose our space programme is offen-numbers welfare is ever dear to our sive in the extreme. It will hearts) need food, good cloth- undo the good work done during, heart transplants, his ster- ing the Viet Nam war when our eophonic music, freedom, ten- two peoples fought (privately) are saving. Who is Liberman's a couple of sea gulls, which led sions, permissiveness In other shoulder to shoulder (in that If he is the same as that profit- him on to the discovery of words, money. You can ill afford position it really is frightfully incentive guy, well, let me tell America itself, like the discovery to divert your roubles for space easy to hurt each other) to you this straight. We America the moldy growth led blem programmes. Let the Russian bring about peace in Vict Nam cans don't believe in just profit ming on to the discovery of

K to N

ing people are far ahead of the peace turned the offer down to lift off the moon. The great American imperialists. We did You browbeat your spacemen to Americanese is called kicks. We a technically more expert job in return to earth on their own, Czechoslovakia than you did in and gave them just a few IBM the Dominican Republic or the computers for guidance Bay of Pigs Yours were crude technology is backward acts of aggression, and though economy is in shambles. Again It was indeed a pity. Pity we ourselves had to spend time we offered help to devalue the pictures than the USIS would or Pig ever invited you. You ism into American vouth, who

USIS do the rest of the job for tacts established by our diplo-yours. Our millionaires have no mats. It is you who are in need real control over their millions. to N of help from us. Actually we they can't count them, and the had offered to rescue your executives and the organisation. Your ignorance of realities is spacemen. You, in total distinct won't let them in any case. Your are at present bored with your Your suggestion regarding the space programme and your eco-

people be happy, and let the It will undo all the secret con. Our poets us paid far less than but In adventure which in got plenty of it in Viet Nam though from a pure Labermanist point of view it was an economically losing buttle. But look at Columbus, the Texan who discovered the United States of America He spent a lot of money doing it, but he wanted no profit, and when his sulois refused to sail on, he wailed plamtively, Ceylon Ceylon thereby giving the impression that he was only trying to discover Ceylon which was an underdeveloped country. Finally he dis-I really don't know what you covered a floating log, and then

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penicillin When once Columbus K to N landed in the States, all he asked for was a coke, and refused to strike oil or join the gold rush, as he did not want to let adventure be overshadowed by the profit motive Profit motive is further transcended by income taxation, the infraction of which is considered a crime as serious as, shall we say, your acting inthe interests of foreign capital

K to N

It is a good old maxim never to trust an imperculist. You said Columbus was a Texan History books say otherwise, but we as good Marxist Lemnists believe that each country has the right $N \not\equiv 0$ Kto its own history and to bring though our history books on feudalism and imperialism say that Columbus was from Genoawe shall let that be. If he was then did he have to discover America?

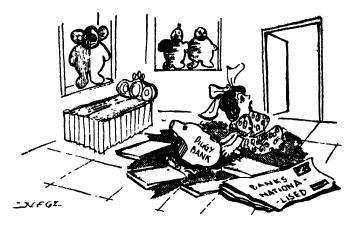
V to K

umbus kept trying to discover you get that right? America although he was a K to N Texan' incidentally all of us Khere do that Lyndon Johnson sphere But the great thing souve realised that if you in about the about all these discoveries is sist on the charge we might pull. Hungarians. The Latin Ameri-

Don't tell me that If it was all that great to live in a 'free' country (whatever that freedom is) why are your people trying to escape into the moon and all kinds of plawhy ces including Rishikesh and Kuthmandu. Let me tell you, and that for your own benefit there isn't any more money m imperialism Quit it, and let us strike a deal But you've got to come with a clean conscience Which means you ought not to strike parallel deals with international splitters. Are you still meeting people in Warsaw?

Kien't we beating about the about different editions of such bush? Let us go by the respechistories from time to time. So tive reports of our Intelligence organs including your Luna, and agree on our respective positions. We're ahead of you now by a narrow margin Is that OK? indeed a Texan as you say, why And that means we were right m the Dominican Republic Which again means that a free society is right and a regimented one is wrong, that you were your action in marching on Pra-Does it really matter if Col- wrong in Czechoslovakia. Do gue was unesceptionable. We

Certainly not After all, hisward that the American sphere fallible. But you've no right to wrought the change of influence was not really tell us that we were wrong in great to live in a free country wrong in Czechoslovakia, for and they understand what the K to N.



the simple reason that Luna per- Apollo and the Luna mean, and hke the switching of elliptical trails But the Viet Namese orbits and so on You've got to don't They threaten to keep hand us that

N to K

Perhaps, yes Luna did a lot of queer things which we hadn't worked on, and to that extent will let it stay at that But only that, remember. Five years ago, when we were trailing behind you in space, the execution of was a Texan and yet he kept torical inevitability is with us, Imie Nagy was right Apollo 11 trying to discover America. He and. Marxism-Lemnism is an makes it wrong once again, and made a few painful discoveries exact science. Of course there it will be good for the Hunga-He discovered be are bound to be launching er- mans themselves to realise it is couldn't run for another term rors but with eybernetics Mar- Apollo 11 and not any intrinsic He discovered, by sailing east- visin-Leminism, will become in- worth of their nation's case that

K to N

the freedom of the American out of Czechoslovakia leaving cans (not the Cuban anarchists), to discover, which means the the Chinese to take over Will Europeans, the Africans and the freedom to move about. It is you like that? We were not Asians in general are fine fellows

formed technical feats which what words like mankind and were unique in their own way, peace mean in the age of space fighting, Oh, I'm sorry, I meant they want to subvert the Paris talks and indirectly help American unpenalism Oh, I'm sorry I meant

N to K

Never mind what you meant get your point all right. The Viet Namese are boors After all we put two of our men on the moon, and these will bring back the moon plague in which a lot of our children might die Why did we do it? We did itfor the same reason as we threw napalm on the Viet Namese children Why? For peace For the future of mankind. Did you read of the death of a large number of our sheep from nerve gas which leaked out of our chemicil waifare research outfit in Utah? Why do we carry on such researches? For peace. Peace is such cynical business.

At last you've spoken the truth After all, truth is the only basis on which we can coexist, and there can be no peace unless we agree to coexist and carry on these experiments vital for peace. We can't be bothered overmuch about the children. We shall leave it to cranks like Spock

N to K

And Russell

K to N

Don't let Spock go free,

N to K

Come brother, let's sing the Internationale under the Starspangled Banner

CACTUS



Yet another demonstration



The Congress Working Committee does not consider the "Desar issue" closed

'Through the Keyhole'

(Extracts from a book by 'Jason' to be published shortly)

HAVING had the unique some of its more important only have extracts from a book file. (Operation Clearing the advantage of proximity to parts will be written before but have the rare privilege of Decks is a private joke in the the keyholes of many rooms you finish with this. Here, for watching the creative process in Delhi in which history is example is the dedication that goes into it. Well, here file for preliminary steps to being made all the time. I have "Dedicated to the Pan-shop are some of the diary entries decided that I should do my wallah in front of my office duty by posterity and put at who supplied me with the most. Phew! What day! And what I raced to Mr. Desars resi-all down in black and white sophisticated explanation of a running round! And how dence to get his reactions But even while memory serves. I the sources of Mrs. Gandhis many keyholes to put ones I found him already surround gratefully acknowledge that strength" the decision was hastened by proposition)

mere is a significant to the chapter taken care of example, it was an set in the arter the Kaminaj Francisco in the note below the title anyway.) I am also grateful key-hole after Mr. Desirs letter him out of office by was saming it is not an inaccuracy but able name) for suggesting the to Mrs. Candhi by her secret port with one's fellow beings is a certain lack of the candom title of this book' that ought to subsist between. And of course the driver has come. That is quicker suppose the hit Mr. Disn's a writer and his readers. The entries that will make chapter than I thought. I suppose the fidner point disdist fact is that not only is the book. IV, giving you the feel of the ber words trade lower let I consider since I could be by yet to be published, it is in greatest moments of recent will have to supply them I am get in colusive moment with fact yet to be written. Some history afraid How about "The bare them. I suppose will fact yet to be written. Some listory. of it is being written at this. Come to think of it, I am bes resigned. Just a but I exchange to get into his init, and very moment. The rest has yet giving my readers, more than perted. Put it away in the put down bere what he ould to be. But I assure you that their money's worth. They not Operation. Cleaning the Deel. Jane liked to six to receive.

the example of my betters 'My grateful acknowledge thing new to me and it is part casici method of reporting (Besides, I have always been ments of indebtedness to my of the price one pays for ones what is told them. And he a sucker for a proposition and dear colleague, Mr. Bhagnath keemiess to get at the truth said plenty that day I have been assured that books. Chattern, who helped me with The fact is I am getting on it parenthetically, that adversity these days are indubitably a the chapter on the economics years and my hearing aid finls loosers. Mr. Desus, tongue as of bank nationalisation. (That me in crucial moments.) For nothing else. I renember how There is a slight maccinacy is one chapter taken eare of example, I was all set at the after the Kamaraj Plan had put

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cars tot and what embarrassing led by a large number of journ And the acknowledgements moments though they are no-dists who unlike me follow the tary and I heard her say. So e acron mements like hese I

PM's Secretariat for the subimplementation of the new economic programme)

1 note

clusively but did not have the dency this over

The Syndicate is furious of course. Must get to Patil on the phone, but meantune back to the PM's house

Just in time to bear her (through the key hole of course) dictate to her secret ux her support for Mr. Sangerya Reddi's candidature for Presidency. What does this mean? She cocks a snook at the Syndicate and the next moment she yields tamely to itl. It is all too much for me. I must disenss it with Sohan Lal the panshop-wallah in front of the office (to whom the forthcoming book if it ever comes its implications. So rush back to the office and catch Sohan Lal as he is closing for the day. Here is a verbation report of our exclanges

J Sohanbhar have you heard the latest? I don't understand it one bit. Here is Mrs. Gandbi blowing hot and her rights. cold, advancing and retocating giving a fight and losing ber nerve the next moment. I lond sec it at all

S. Bhaisaah, don't be so incoherent. What has happened-I heard it ever my transistor but decided to support the deeply built Syndicates condidate for Presi - 5. He wil

think calmly for a moment

mee big guevance one mee eramped by her yielding on big affront, all wrapped up in the Presidency and by the fact cellophine and red tibbon, that she was technically within When I am ready with the given to it to parade about only her rights. She never puts a rest, another instalment will to have it snatched, the next foot wrong. I tell you she is follow moment. Even as they are m- a clever one, eleverer than her flating their righteous indignation it is punctured. For what they now have is a loyal Congressman - sorry, woman - swallowing a bitter pill manfully, sorry - well you know ATTACHED as we are to the tiously whigh I mean. She is a clever un 1 have always told you

I May be you are right forth, will be dedicated) to get. But steps are afoot to make herchange her mind. She cannot do this kind of thing, you

> 5 And why, pray? A PM can choose her celleagues can't she? She can give them what portfolio she pleases can't she? She is perfectly within

J. Still, there is a code in these matters you know. You would have appreciated this better if you had gone to the best schools as I have instead of starting selling bids when you were ten You should She has sacked. Morujibhai have seen Moraijibhai. He is

S' He will be more faut be

Well, it makes sense fore it is all over. But more

time to I will have to think to me as it will to you if you with his friends than with her J How do you figure that? I It makes sense to you. S. Why, Babuji you are S. Of course, it does. One dense I figure it the Syndicate moment the Syndicate has one will find that then style is

tather, I have always said. J. Ohl Shut up, you and your 1-told-so What do I writer)

S: Write what you like but watch out for more fun.

Well, that is as far as I have got with my duary entries

JASON

Incumbency and Expectancy

once more found ourselves continued and for the latter musing over the Indian Presi- that he be elevated dency, and our mind went back didn't quite know how to to 1946 when the nation be-reunite the two, and as was came informally independent, his wont in such circumstances, As our mind travelled from he allowed the status quo to then to the present through continue which meant that the turbulent times it was soon whereas the President's incumclear that the top position in the Indian Union has always evoked the deepest degree of bents. It is amazing how this has escaped notice so far

It is due to this deep sense of dedication that on the eveof independence, Lord Mount-batten de cloped the symptoms of what was identified as 'mcumbency, restlessness, loss of appetite and mexplicable anxictv A short spell as Governor course helped him in recovering

eve of the new Constitutio was sworn in as President coming into force, Nehru met. It was at this stage of noticed by him in the Lord Nehru thought of the course similar to the one administered eacher on Mountbatten instead, other palliatives were tried both at Dellii and Madras We all know that Rajan never quite recovered

sion was added through the ele-files ction of a Vice-President Di Piasad's first term was ventable procession Radhakrishnan developed cracyl what was identified as 'expectancy, the symptoms of which So it was only a bad dream! are the same as those of in- Democracy shall endure in this cumbency plus that one who is land! afflicted frequently peeps out of the window surrepti-

The prescription for cause of democracy, we the former was that he he bency abated, the Vice-President's expectancy did not,

When Dr Prasad finally retirdedication from the meum- ed, it was not as if he fully recovered though he was much better But soon Di Radha-krishnan's expectancy gave place to incumbency It was felt that since Di Radhakrishnan would anyway retire to Madias, Rajan could help him in how to mitigate the effects of incumbency

With the sad demise of Dr General after independence was. Hus m, he had no occasion to the prescribed course and it is be afflicted with incumbency, a matter of lustory that this But Shri Giri developed it straightaway. So he resigned to Rajan succeeded him On the contest and the Chief Justice

It was at this stage of our him only to find in him all the musing that we obviously dozed symptoms which were earlier off and the rest of our thinking was hazy The new acting President develops incumbency.

demits Presidency due to But dictates of conscience and files there were other problems, and, nomination. The senior most-Judge develops incumbency after taking over, so he also denuts and files nomination . The next judge develops it During Dr Rajendia Pia- even before swearing-in, swearsad's Presidency a new dimen-ing in at residence, demits and The next swearing-in af As hospital, demits and files. A The last drawing to a close, he develop- one demits by mistake before ed the now familiar symptoms appointing a new judgel... of 'incumbency'. Additionally, What would happen to demo-

we woke up with a start?

Sanjay



"What do you mean by saming you were advised to try the back door always?"

The Conquest



Himachal: Welsh Overtones

(By Our Roving Correspondent)

THE Welsh Nats may take for instance "The Indian Com- tle or even collecting arms for is a language still in search of a tionary. Pumpab. Chief. Minus mittee for Welsh Freedom" has the Free Welsh Army. But it script only compounds the cre- ter Dr. Y. S. Parman sees a glopeople in India know the agony we Indians are parochial-minded? Even in the United States where one finds plenty of back. The gesture from Himachal's printed word is passed likedon-phasis on tourism, by Central ers for any irredentist move-capital deserves to be recipro-tally, Himachal is one of the overloads. He is more interestment abroad, a committee for cated by the formation of a few places in India where Urdu ed in developing the area's tie-Welsh freedom has not been heard of.

heart Let Charlie Boy get hope that Indian sympathisers do not require arms aid. They moted not for the love of it but away with his investiture, let would not wash their hands of will be happy if, for instance just to spite Punjabi Lord Snobdon preen himself on the cause by making a wishy- steps are taken to popularise the rave notices he got as im- washy statement or two For Pahari in Glamargan and Car pressario, and let the English logistical reasons, it may not be diff Press revel in the royalist back- possible for the Simla-centred The Welsh shall yet over- movement for the liberation of Talking of Pahari, one admi- for Statehood. This apple-nich They have won friends. Wales to go as far as organising ites the HP. Gevernment's potato-popping. Union Territory lash The Welsh shall yet over-movement for the liberation of and influenced people where it an international brigade to make efforts to find for it a place in is sick of being treated as a counts. In Himachal Pradesh, a para drop on Caernaryon Cas- India's linguistic sun. That it poor relation of green revoluissued a statement from Simla might help the anti-imperialists dit. A controversy is going on mous future for his State it only criticising the way Prince Char- over there by making more and about the respective merits of the Central wraps are removed les, a foreigner, was imposed on more Indians eat Welsh cheese. Devilager and Gurmukh for As it is, its growth is inhibited the Welsh people "Very few The Indian Institute for Advan- being used as the script. There by many factors, mainly by the ced Studies in Simla might also are also suggestions to make the Delhi bureaucracy sitting pretty of the Welsh people who had hold a semmar on the changing language wholly native by ad over it. Himachal is a tourist been exploited for many centu- ecology of Wales with special opting the Taakri script which, paradise with every turn and ries by the English people," runs reference to the new equations it is said, had been used in the twist of its rolling country unthe pronunciamento. Who said between the native deer and the eistwhile Pahari, principalities, folding a picture post-cerd vista superannuated British lion

Welsh Committee for Full State-flourishes under State putronage, mendous, forest wealth, water

Well-wishers of Welshmen the Himachalis at the moment think that Urdu is being pro-

Language in any case is not what the Himachalis are agitatec about. It is the long wait Why have a script at all in this But forwar l-looking. Parmar is MacLuhanese age when the irritated by the unvarying emhood for Himachal Pradesh Akalis across the boundary and power resource. If his

dreams come true, the State will have more electricity than it can ever consume. It is said that a stage may come when it will be more economical to supply electricity free to the hillmen so that they need not cut trees for fuel For Dr Parmar, Hunachal's future affluence is an obsession-a magnificent obses-Sion

Delhi does not oppose his demand outright. The tactic is to insist that Himachal first manage a balanced budget and then talk about Statehood As if all the other States had viable budgets Now Dr Parmar thinks that it is precisely because Himachal has an interior status that it is unable to put up a good budgetary show. And its present position bandicaps IIP in the disputes with the neighbouring States -Punjab, Huv ana and U.P.—over the exploitation of water and power resources These States have then political pull with the Centre while Himachal which has a hood why not Himachal? perfectly valid claim on the rivers of the region is treated as an appendage to be seen and not heard. The campaign for Statchood has therefore an economic basis although the accecal ego

cation brackets Himachal Pra-Statehood However there is desh with indiculously small mostern of a Pahari under- of violence in Kinnaur country units like Pondicherry Goa and Ground' yet Noi do the Himi- The strife and bedlam of big Chandigath Area wise at its chalis intend to 'do' a Telen cities seem far away and point-bigger than Punjab Harvana, gan't Burning buses and tear- less. Reality is the scent-later too will fall for the transistor Kerala and Nagaland Of mg up railway track go against breeze in the orehards and the course the population is only their gram. For one thing, folk songs echoing down the and tape-recorder, and then the three million. But if Nagaland, these things are hard to come slopes. Transmission towers and Chief Minister can say his Suba with small population can get by in that never-never land the crank-crank of tractors are has come-Out of the valley of away with the panoply of State. Dr. Parmar thinks that he can no doubt the stuff of civilisation gods, Parmar Pradesh



one of the angry Chief Ministoes with lethal consequences to Lahaoul and Spiti, for whom ters. Up in the hills there is talk the uniforms. Lahaoul and Spiti, for whom happiness is not something to be The Umon Territory classifi- of an impending struggle for

make it on his own. It will be -things modern-minded Hunamore or less a one-man cam- chalis look forward to. The Di Parmai has so far given pagn like the Sant's for Punjabi sophisticates of the plains have little head ache to the Central Suba. No, there will be no taught them that these are what leaders but they say that conti-blood-chilling threat of self-im- it takes in the pursuit of happinued indifference from that molation. If at all there is to ness. But there are people in quarter and slights from his big be an agitation, the policemen those cloud-swept hills, the villerating force is a lot of politi-neighbours may turn him into will be hit by apples and toma- lage swains and belles of Kulu,

pursued It is already there-It is indeed difficult to think and no commodity tax on contoo will fall for the transistor



India Reacts

Samachai Confederation long).

dents.

When approched, without years together taking a second for thinking, Professor Balrai Madhok reacted "As the moon is located on thought that it was not so much His head, it is safe to presume a victory for science and techthat Lord Shiv is on the Ameri- nology alone. It was the result can side." elaborate the political signific ance of his conclusion, he explanned that this shows that in the Finance portfolio to Mi the sheer power of destruction. Desait immediately no earthly country could match menting. American. Astronauts America If India was to be defended truly and well, her Arm ed Forces must act in close cooperation with the inighty

When told of the Professor's reaction, fellow-lanusanghi Mr Atal Bihari Vajpai was embar maintained that after Viet-Nam, America was challenging antidemocratic forces in the moon In fact, it was India's and other democracies' war that the USA was waging support the American Space Programme without any reserva tions

Can't we

mini mum

AMUSINGLY divergent were leader, did not concede that it the reactions of the Indian was a total defeat for the Rus-leaders on America's lunar suc-sians "American capitalists can cess, reports B S.C (Bhartiya take risks with human lives as for they have no socialist charity or responsibility Socialist Rus-However, all seemed to draw sia cannot exploit human life a lesson or two, which were ex They are for automation It tremely relevant to India Here takes time. Otherwise, surely is the brief summary of the the Russians could have done countrywide survey undertaken the feat After all, the USSR by a team of BSC Correspon maintained supremacy over the American space programme for

Mrs Tarakeshwari Smha, a prominent Congress MP, When requested to of a sound economic and finantial management Mrs Gaudhi must take a lesson and restore Compli warmly she was characteristically reminded of a Urdu

Ye Kah Kah Kar dil Ko mana Rahen hain Ki to ab chal chuke hain, to ab arahen hain

When asked for his reaction, rassed as usual However, he Mt Frank Anthony, nominated MP, traced the American history. He pointed out that before American independence French Italian, Spanish and many other languages were spoken in Ame-We must rica But they decided to use only English, every where, including at the Space Adminis tration. The significance of their Bhupesh Gupta, CPI recent achievement is too tell

programme-

Just Like Mrs. Gandhi and Mr. Desai?



ing to be missed by our govern- nationalization did the trick ment, he added

Charging Mr Anthony fors distorting the facts," Mr. Ma- Sector could you have dedhu Limaye of the SSP said this? They pointedly asked that the fact is that English was the USA They did well to give up all the other languages and that was why they reached the was not given the same treat ment in independent India"

Prominent Syndicate leader streugthen the position of Di-Cim "

Masam, praised the USA for up the public sector and the so-its 'greatest achievement". He called mixed economy its 'greatest achievement" said that we were lucky to witness the event of the century, in Chief Minister of Bengal, noted spite of the deadly bank nation- with alum the message sent by alization However he vehe- Astronaut Armstrong that the mently enticised the activity of soil of the moon resembled Linia-15 as "nothing short a western American deserts." This most disgraceful and sabotage is once again an Imperialistic ing 'gherao' of the moon"

nology or Armstrong or who-Space Science he urged ever the other two were. Only

Had the American Space Adnunstration been in the Puvate Sector could you have done

When asked for his reaction, the language of the majority in Mr. Rajagopalachari was simply inhilam The USA is at least a month ahead of the USSR This has established beyond any moon 'It is a pity that. Hindi doubt that the economic and the political systems of the Ameri cans are far superior." When reminded that revolution took Mi S K. Patil was his usual place in Russia more than 130 straight-forward self. He was years after America, he retortsure that "the spectacular vic- ed with characteristic sharp-tory of the USA will certainly ness "It is not very sporting to shelter yourself behind the im-Neelam Sanjiva Reddy, as aginary handicaps, once you against the Leftist Mi V V have entered the race. He urged the Central Government that Swatantra leader, Mr. Minoo still it was not too late to give

Mi Ivoti Basu, CPM Dy design. Socialist countries of the In a joint statement, Mrs. In world must unite to give a befitdira Gandhi and CPI leader, ting answer. India must join Mr i A Dange, said that the them 'Tor she has nothing to real hero was not Science, tech loose but her ignorance of the

THANK MERCA

Just a thought

(Mrs Indua Candla says her note to CW c was based on stray thoughts' -News item)

IF they were just thoughts Twould certainly please But labelling them 'stray Fills one with unease For what if these thoughts Here for today Were on the morrow Cone another wav?

LEONORA

March



of Time



Questions time

MANY people who have been official machine picks up speed its working is asked in the Parhament have wanted to know a little know-bow

given one, delay in the installa- much a personal matter tion of your telephone or in refunding money on an unused down for a post, over-charging yourself or a common acquain-(according to you) of duty on an incoming "gut parcel' demand for payment of income-tax although you have been "losing heavily" returned unused by the local radio station, permits, contracts alleged slights to your dialect or culture, a mail train not stopping at the little station near your village there is no end to guevances' and 'axes'

unpressed by the way the not concern themselves about Communist MP from anywhere to remember that M.Ps themmy personal problems, you will to take up the brief. Likewise, selves love to be asking ques-(relatively speaking) when a base to so dress up your indivi- it would be foolish to approach tious question about some aspect of dual gridge or demand as to a DMK Member for anything ter of general public interest or guage of northern imperialism a little sleight of hand and cle- House and others, which are grievance to ventilate or an axe one is going to pry too closely. Opposition or who are Indepento grind. This is easy because into your motives, because in dent most of us have plenty of these the atmosphere in which we live, already A P form has been it is tacitly recognized, though refused unjustifiably in your not readily admitted, that alview because someone else in most every 'public' demand or almost similar circumstances was agitation has, at its root very

> The pest thing is to approach to him. If he represents your Choose one of the latter constituency and you were a voter you do not need an interthe complaint concerns an em- at the treasury benches ployer in Bengal who has been 'gheraoed,' it is hardly any use

However, since Members will from that State or Kenala or a approaching a MP. It is good give it the appearance of a mat- which relates to Hindi, the lanour borders. This also is easy; M.P.s on the right side of the

The personality of the M.P. also counts for a lot. There are those who are mild in manner and sit down when asked to do so by the Speaker. There are others who make even the most simple statement in a forceful tailway ticket, a nephew turned a MP. You may know some manner and go on shorting till they have had their say, warntance may be found to take you ing bell or no waiting bell

When a MP has agreed to includes but have a fundamentake up your 'cause,' he will tal right to barge in and also most probably ask you to give in your business ever since you feel entitled to a cup of tea, the ham the relevant facts in writstarted it twenty-five years ago, M.P. having no means of know- ing. He might question you your latest epic poem has been ing whether you had in fact about these, and the trick is not voted for or against him. But to tell all but only what is in there is one anportant conside- your favour. Of course, the ration, the ideological angle, stronger the facts, the more mewhich must be kept in mind. If nacing the stick he can flourish

> So, if anything is worrying asking a United-Front MP you, do not be diffident about

As a practical exercise, let us take the case of an imaginary how these questions came to be widespread dissatisfaction in There are questions which, to aggrieved party, one who was called This is not difficult to volving, if possible, national in-make an impact, could be not selected for a certain post, find out once you have acquired togety or even the security of more advantageously put by shall we say, of Psycho-Biological Chemist (Counter-Mosquito Field Directorate) What about-First of all you must have a ver drafting does the trick. No better handled by those in the having a go with a question somewhat like this

> "Will the Minister for Health be pleased to state

- a) if Government have received any complaints about the recurrence of Malana in Union Territories
- b) if the answer to the above is in the affirmative, what steps does he propose to take in the matte r
- c) bow many tous of antimosquito pesticides were sprayed in these areas each year during the period 1956 to 1968 - with separate figures for quantities obtained from Public and Private Sectors
- d) how many officials were engaged in Malana Control in Class 1 II, III and IV posts separately as on 31st March of each year mentioned above?
- c) is it a fact that certain new posts for the above work were advertised recently and that selections were made. If so how many applications were received, how many were called for interview and how many were selected for appointment?
- f) is the Government aware that some of the caudidates not selected had as good, if not better qualifications than those selected?

The sting, as in mosquitoes, is in the tail

Whatever the final outcome. such a Question will keep hundreds of officials looking up hundreds of old files and collecting figures. Serve them right too



"I was against nationalisation But when I think of more staff cars, seminars, high-level meetings and study tours, I can't help supporting it."



The Congress Working Committee has directed the PM and Mi-Nijahngappa "to meet and consider all aspects of the present crisis" and work for unity in the party

Public Warning System

MANY of us might not have and will stop the dangerous has portion of sand" hibition Policy we have been rica will be pleased too, and blindly following the American what is more important to us with palin-nut powder in varvexample-both in the naive as- today than her pleasure if it ing proportions sumptions with which we intro- can mean a dollar more for us duced it, and now in the spe- or a Patton tank less for Pakis cious arguments with which we tan? And in insisting on the with a sprinkling of pure water seek to jid ourselves of our com- notice of warning we are mitments Of course no offence meant we are a free nation, cratic lights we are just wainand need not consult anyone mg the public, and leaving the about imitating blindly whom- choice of healthy happy life or out contents and sort out dead soever we please Another piece of puritaincal emulation is round the corner, if one can rely on Press reports The gov ernment will launch the battle smoking is harmful to health

you will agree Millions of unsuspecting smokers will now realise eigarette is no tonic or

noticed it, but in our Pro- bit before they are ruined Amescrupulously within our democancer and a miserable end in fleas if any before use their own bands

while a thousand other equally, candles handy. Should there against cancer with regulations harmful commodities are con- be uninterrupted flow of curto make eigarette makers dee- sumed by the public? Or, bet- tent for six hours at a stretch, lare their sins on their goods ter still, why stop with eiga switch off at once and contact and to teach the public that rettes? Why not extend the your nearest Junior Engineer Public Warning-cum-Education for thorough check and rectifi-System to cover potential dan- cation of major malfunction' Quite proper in its own right, gers? Here are a few useful Etc, etc warnings, for example

pick-me-up, as hitherto believed, contain an indeterminate pro- be made to well a label saying

On supari packet "Blended

On public taps Dram water Use filters to strain out worms ind insects."

On penicillin tubes Pour

While giving electricity con-But why single out cigarettes nections "Keep torches and

Turncoat politicians approach On sugar packet. "Liable to ing the electorate for votes must

Steadfast adherence to any party ideology not guaranteed Liable to change with the winds of change? Or simply 'table to floor-crossing at short or no notice "

Stone-throwing and smashing student, gheunoing worker adulterating merchant, dishonest peddler, proved confidence trickster sworn Navalite ete ete ean all be obliged to wear warning badges or labels by decree

And, when the system will have attained a degree of perfection by including fools smugglers and bandits into the label wearing fraternity our country will emerge as the first nation to function through an efficient and fool-proof Pubhe Warning System What is Moon landing or Venus probing before this achievement?

Sis Maszi

Going, going ... gone!

(Prime Minister Indira Gandhi compared the Congress to an elephant caught in quicksands - News stem)

THERE was this fine old elephant, A real majestic beast, Tall and stately, yes, he was Say ten feet high at least

Well it happened that this elephant Got caught in the quicksands And its owners ran around And wept and wrong then hands

And some said 'Let's push in front' And some said 'No, the back' And some said 'I et's try the side, I will get him on the track's

But others said 'Heave, don't push And others said 'No, pull!'

And soon all were in argument Loud and fierce and full,

And all the while the Pachydorm Neglected by the fight Slowly sank and sank and sank Till it was out of sight!

What happened to its owners? Well, I in sorry to relate Since they were on the quicksands too They met a similar fatel

LEONORA

You Just Can't Win

THIS is a success story with a flocked to him twist. The twist is at the end of the story, as all well-bred twists should be, and the reason why it's at the end of the story back streets. No longer did he is because if I put it in the middle I wouldn't have a story to

John Smith was a smalltime lawyer And true to form he worked at the small causes court Attached to the firm of Finch, Sparrow, Robin and Jackdaw (or Tweet-Tweet as it was popularly known) John Smith lived a life of imease knowing that the wolf was constantly at the door

But slowly things began to pick up. For JS had discovered a certain talent which he explotted to the full It concerned breach of promise cases—and the letters that men usually wrote to the lights of their life before they saw the true light and decided not to marry them JS developed a wonderful knack of reading these letters out a' court that made even the most innocent letter from a man enquiring about the health of his lady sound like some kind of a vile, trecherous suggestion. And the women loved it.

So did JS He loved it too. If he had a weakness in life, it was these letters. He was not a man who could take it or leave it alone He took the letters and asked for more, and as he perfected his slightly nasal voice, and all the pauses, and other tricks of his trade, the women

And money poured in

No longer did he take the put his collar up and pull his hat down as he walked past tailors and other such creatures He paid them cash down, and looked them in the eye in a manner that suggested that one day he would get back at them for having hounded him to pay their bills

Young people studying the Method School of Drama came to see him perform And histrionically, he was perfect. With a leer, and a furtive wink, and raised eyebrows and hook nose that flared when he really got going, he had the people in the court slavering at the mouth while the poor defendant always ended up crying, "But your Honour that wasn't the way I meant it to be read." And the Judge severely told him, 'We all know your intentions, young man, and every-body in the court room shivered with anticipation as they laid bets on how big a fine the Judge would slap down

It was in the '60's that J.S. found his business going down, and by 1965 he was broke. Permissiveness had grown on the scene, and people no longer wrote letters. They used the phone, and no longer got married. And J S. went back to being the smalltime lawyer that he always was.

SRINIVASAN KRISHNAN

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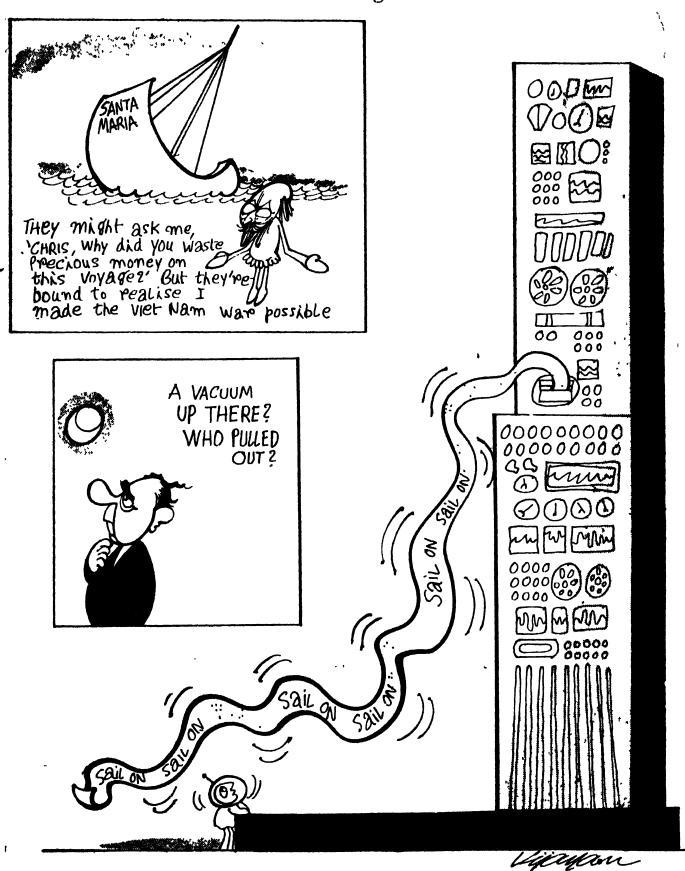




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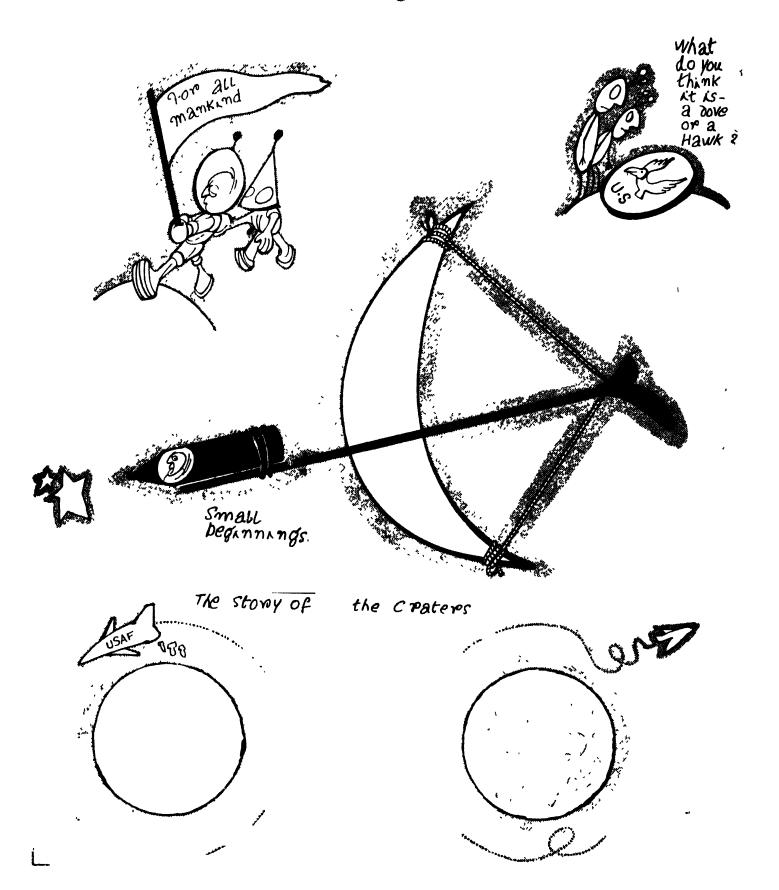
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Moon Bugs — II



The Early Bird

REFORE closing his eyes, son said, "Who'll wake me up in the morning? Say, between four-thirty and five. That'll give me a clear hour before daylight and distracting noises Professor said that those who chose the 'science' side of education were supposed to do so keeping their eyes open All science was based on mathema-🕯 tics, and you couldn't be good at maths by prayer or inspiration but only by hard work And he further observed that only hours of the morning were vital to the science student, when the rested brain is sort of on an edge to cut through tough knots He didn't care what the 'arts' tudents thought or did, he said, but for a science student it must be made a punishable offence to waste his time at dawn, wallowing in bed

"Something in that," I said 'He's right in bracketing dawn with mathematics The 'arts' people would probably laugh at it as a conceit Shakespeare, they would say, didn't write Hamlet having determined to work one solid hom from 4-30 to 5-30 AM, nor did Kalidasa his Meghadoota concede that Newton or Leib- said something clicks in the biain of the detective and all pieces of the ugsaw puzzle fall into place The mathematical chaps also need things to click, and the best time for that is the sharp hour of silence The 'arts' chaps on the other hand have nothing there'll be an earthquake at 4-30 but fuzzy matter in their heads and no part of it ever clicks or dovetails into the other'

Youngster apparently didn't like that I was talking nineteen to the dozen ignoring the core "Well, who?" of his enquiry he asked

"Who what?"

"Will wake me?"

"Not I," said his mother flatly, and turned in. "I'ge to get up at 6 anyway when the tapwater comes on, and if I wake up at 4-30 to near about 4-30 I vaguely only the worm and the corner



"The rocket became possible thanks to the last war"

leap out of bed"

She merely said, "If you think tomorrow, you're mistaken Secondly, what did you exactly do when you got up that day? You just yelled, 'Let's get out fastl', which actually endangered everybody, because in the next issue of the Women's Journal I read that the first thing to do in an emergency of that sort was not to get out of bed, but to get under it"

I however all You wake him up," she watch. The luminous dial ap- nearly as damunt. It thumped "Anyway, you boast that peared to be somewhat confus- its tail and snarled Secondly, mtz might have received en- you always wake up at any time ing, so I switched the light on in spite of my boiling fury, I lightenment at dawn, because you choose, because you say it's and had a proper look. It was was wondering how hard to hit their thought processes are sort just a matter of a little will- only 12-30. I thought the watch the animal. It I killed it with a of different. You might have power. You go ahead and use had stopped and staggering into blow from the umbrella, what read detective stories in which some of that will-power."

the front room, had a look at was 1 to do with the careass? the wall clock. That also said Or was I to leave it on the kit-"O all right," I said "I'll do 12-30 So I returned to bed chen floor and wait for the it Remember the day of the wondering whether I'd a sleep-morning to come? So I only earthquake I was the first to less night ahead of me consi- aimed a judicious blow, just dering that I felt equal to tac- enough to kill about five out of kle a spot of co-ordinate geo- the nine lives of the nimal, but metry off my own bat But I only brought down a couple mercifully, I fell asleep

Again I awoke, this time because something weighing about twenty pounds fell directly on and out my chest and bounded away theree I stood up in a milling vortex of bedelothes switched on the light and looked, my hair that the good woman would be standing on end Then I saw the abominable domestic animal, the cat, vanishing in the direction of the kitchen By now I'd seen red and for want of a significant I just shrugged my shoulders handy hatchet, picked up the umbiella and darted into the kitchen I found that when heart for a while and woke up I woke up and thought it was there's no way of escape, not Now I could hear mynads of wake you up, it will mean that thought I'd heard the cock crow ed rat turn, but the cat also, it was more than dawn, that it

of pots from the shelf while the cat streaked through my legs. jumped on wife, and using her as a springboard, to the window

Wife only turned over on the other side I now understood awikened by nothing except the noise of the running tapwater and all other noises registered on her sub-conscious as in-

I lay down with a palpitating voices of passers-by and guessed my day will start at 4-30, that's and verified by looking at my which tried to imitate a tiger as was morning and I'd overslept

the mark What the dickens did the street voices mean, then? I half leant out of the window and looked Obviously this growd of people was returning from a cinema Then listless gait and then look showed they would like to be down where they were and show had lasted till 2 30? Then I remembered youngster telling me that they were showing edge "Is it you again? Don't put 'Gone with the Wind' (or was on the light for heaven's sake!" it Forever Amber? at the Heiaus, and the film was so long that they could exhibit it only watch, and without the watch, twice in a day, at 4 PM and 9 PM Even then, son said, after the second show was over they had to call the firefighters and persuade the people who'd falthe 2-mch water hoses

at 3 being so wide awake I could have taught owls. Then I switched on the lamp and bevarn featuring the lawyer Harry true must have emanated from been able to make up my mind carale of water at the bedside. whether I'd already read it be- and the gurgle and gush told fore, having browsed through its own story I steadied the pot-257 stones of the selfsame au- by madvertently inverting it, thor However, on the 101st put it down and found the page I found that Harry was at watch in the pool of water,

Then I glanced at potatoes (with lots of cream), the watch two-thirty Im-accompanied by his secretary mediately I rushed into Bella Beet, and a waiter hoverthe front 100m for corrobo-ing in the background expecting ration from the wall clock a tip of 50 dollars. This natu-which corroborated like no-rally sickened me a bit, I mean body's business, being two mi- the steak at 3 in the morning, nutes slower than the watch and I passed into a litful slum-

When I woke up again, the big temple bell was ringing. I difinitely knew that the first peal started at dawn but was it at 3-30 or four? It was easy to verify by means of my watch, sleep. But how was it that the but this time I couldn't find the watch. I was groping to the light switch when wife screameds "Is it you again? Don't put

> "Il I don't, I can't find the I can't know the time." I said

The first bell of the temple rings at three thirty! You needn't look at the watch to know that! len asleep in their scats to go. And do you know what's the home, by full treatment from worst torture? It's to shoot a powerful light into the eyes of a person asleep in the dark! I wished there were a show You've done it a dozen times! Co to sleep?

I tottered to bed, thinking gan reading the half-finished 'tee that this information about tor-Hasten After reading a hund-the aforesaid Women's Journal red pages vesterday I hadn't yet. My tentative foot found the full dinner of steak and french fried perhaps because. I no longer



"Down with automation!"

fort I was sure I could also find let's get the first round of tea the rogue elephant missing from over so I won't have to mess up the 200, just because I didn't with it when the tap is running

Was that the tap water?' she asked suddenly

'No, just a minor flood," I said without elucidating or elaborating

By 4-30 I thought I could dunly discern the significance of the verse of the Geeta which firmly walked to the kitchen says that the solf-controlled person stays wide-awake when it's night (or slumber) for the rest of mankind If I kept this up, I thought, I'd be a hundred and twently years old and still going strong while my contempo raries reached semility or decay

Then I administered a gentle poke to son and said, "Wake up, it's exactly four-thirty"

'I am awake," he said gruf tly "It anybody could have slept the night out, I'd give him a prize, and don't ask me why And do you mean I should just get out of bed and start work?"

"Well, what else?" I asked

'Just like that, ch? How about a spot of tea? Mother won't wake up at this hour to make tea, would she?'

'Okay, I'll make some tea," I said "I need it myself, and also some cold compresses for my torehead '

"And I she said too."

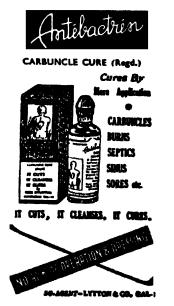
peeded it now. With a little ef- "All the tea and compresses too And now tomorrow-

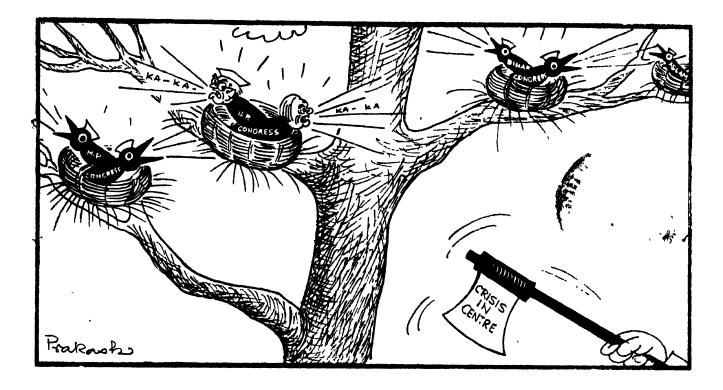
> "That's the title of an old film," I said "As for me, I'm giving no undertaking for tomorrow, either about time or rea, except that I'll have the old alarm-clock repaired and have it installed in the wall with five speakers, like the private dicks do in American stories." And Iv-

> > G V KULKARNI



"Do you think I'm Finance Minister? You can't just dismiss me like that!"





U.P. Congress leader Mr. Kamalapati Tripathi said if the confrontation between leaders at the Centre became deep U.P. like the rest of the country would be affected.

The Best Wife of the Year

"TINNY'S father, said Prema along with my morning tea? A over the Sunday morning pretty wife you are!" cup of tea

"Yes, Tinny's mother," said I, sheer away from the subject in ma. To think a man can spare taking a biggish sip of liquid hand!" this rupers in the last week of Heaven

∈tiou?'

"This isn't a toast, Prema, it's a bit of charcoal"

"I'm not talking about toasts, I'm talking about your money situation, Tinny's father'

"And there's an ant in this jam."

"Now none of that game Listo me How are we on the ancial side?"

Prema, do you seriously exect me to eat charcoal and ants

Kindly remove these bits of "How's your money situa- charcoal and this ant-jam and bring me some true toast and my's father antless jam, quick'

> "First the condition of the cash

Well, if you must know it the picture is not in the least cheerful"

"You_can't spare even fifty rupees?'

"Spare!"

"Yes, spare"

"Fifty rupees?"

'Right"

You require your head to be 'A pretty husband you are to looked into by a specialist, Pre-

But I want fifty rupees, Im-

'So do 1 But who's going to give them to me, Tinny's mo-

I must have fifts rupees And within three days!

"Sorry I cannot pluck money out of an "

Yes Ungrateful You, Prema shouted back 'I helped you to be adjudged the Best Husband of the Yen by my club

"That sure was a very clever tuck of yours, Prema" I conceded. The test was that of being shut out of one's house for a full hom on one's return from work, and causing no trouble The test of patience under extiene wifely provocation I came home from Rottingbrain dead beat that afternoon You asked me to spend an hour away from home, my study being stuffed with your club gaggle having secret conclave I went berserk with rage You slammed the door in my face My war-am then was to break "You are ungrateful, Tinny's open the door and slaughter the sordid crew in my study. But I was coaxed away from the spot "Ungrateful? Me" I shout by the neighbouring boy Tikkoo He promised me he'd get

the hornd temales—out of my must act like one" house by means of a phoney telephone call for Mrs. Boman behiam your club secretary, to the Income Tax man's wife 1 sat at the window in his house from which I could sec our frontdoor, and he went out for the call. A full hom passed and then I saw your crowd leaving the house that had been shut against me'

As I explained to you later it was all my idea,' said Premawas dead set on being the wife case in need badly of the best husband of the year So I'd thoroughly coached yoning Likkoo in the part he Year must be able to sacrifice played. He never sent out any that sort of need to a greater phoney call He kept you need of his wife O but I forharmless in his house for a got! Our Prize Distribution full hour. And that was how Day's soon coming off, and you became the Best Husband you'll be there to receive your of the Year

wife," I pointed out to my life partner

"No comments, velped Pie-ma "Everythings fair in a woma "Everythings fair in a wo- And you'll get your brief-mens club contest of this type case just then, chirruped Pre-"The great thing is that now ma you are the Best Husband of the Year You have to thank me for the power and the glory you now possess."

'Certainly"

'And look at the way you return what I did for you You

wouldn't let me have the fifty rupees I want so badly must not only be the Best Husband of the Year, but also you

"Why do vou want the mo-

For something that will make er proud of me

I am already proud of you

THIN S Now hone o ather '

Well, I il admit I have at the I know you for a very impati- moment lifty rupees to spare ent man, and I was sure you'd But. I have carmarked the the women's club prize-distribudo something desperate And I angoint for the leathern buef-

> The Best Husband prize, and I'll suggest to the committee that your prize be a shady work—that, dandy leathern brief-case"

> > Capital, I chorded 'You get our lifty right now

Tsay Prem. I said

Yes the asked

You've paid the grocers bill a hundred and fifty rupees?

Tr ei Yes

Good

What a surpri

ecstatically on our return from noon "What a marvellous surprized"

"But I became the Best Wife of the Year, Tinny's father," said

You got your dandy leathern brief case' said Prema

your being declared the Best all Wife of the Year and presented the hundred and-fifty-rupees 'Listen, Timy's father," said pressure-cooker You never told Prema I wanted a pressure-

Er er

Best Wife of the Year?" I ask- the Year, she will jump at the ed, glectully

a fifty-rupce prize That raised paid for the pressure-cooker" a wail about the sorry state of our club finances And Mrs Bomanbehram said that if 1 footed the bill for your pre- "Yes, you did," blared Present, I'd be declared the Best in a "That grocer's bill still re-Wite of the Year Lagreed So I mains unpaid" got from you those fifty, and rised you got your brief-case

"O my God!" I gasped

'Ah yes, you did,' I saw the bright side 'And you netted in' the pressure-cooker. We seem to I don't mean that I mean have made a cool hundred, after

me you'd entered a contest cooker, and I made Mandar-wife' mala propose a pressure-cooker for me as my prize And again the wail of money shortage was a sed. Shvetakamalanayana said How did you become the if a woman is the Best Wife of chance of paying for her husband's prize, and if a man is Listen Tinny's father," said the Best Husband of the Year, Prema They just wanted to be will jump at the chance of award you a Best-Husband-of-paying for his wife's prize That the-Year certificate. I proposed was accepted by all. And you

'I never did! I bellowed

M A MAZMUDAK







BUT MY MOTHER IS MISERABLE DURING THE RAINS. SHE TAKES ALL THE TROUBLE TO KEEP UP-TO-DATE WITH CHANGING TRENDS IN FASHION, AND ALL HER EFFORTS ARE HIDDEN FROM VIEW.

27 July 1968

"Where Eagles Dare"

M/ELL, the Eagle dared the moon, but Burton and his mixed bunch of M I 6 fanatics have a task which is almost more impossible—to penetrate tra curricular activities in the the German High Command way of sex. The British team where it roosts in a Crimins (which includes one American) a fairy tale castle in the Bavarian charges through feats of incie Alps

The film is made with the cold-blooded intention of sending up the pulse rate of the audience, and for this reason would be closer to the horror film than a straight war mosic 'The Duty Dozen' fed us doses

ried to John Osborne and the the setting. A few objections qualities happi ciency in this all-action story

No histrionic heroics, no exdible physical gymnastics and bravado. The audience remembering that war movie heroes rarely live to tell the tale is prepared for the worst, and the suspense is carried through to the end

One had the feeling that the of its characters as people director had computer-calculat-Where Eagles Darc' gives them ed audience tension, it is deliabout as much individuality as vered with surgical precision, trapeze artists. Burt, Clint and the editing is as crisply de-Eastwood, Mary Use (once mass fixed as the snowy landscape of

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aspired to godhead. He without questioning studied, meditated and prayed, performed 'yagna' to enter the chtc but the gods resisted him and his own ambitions and powers made him a misfit among his own, human kind

Bri Mohan Shah's play is about a modern Trishanku, one of our cducated unemployed double-graduates, who stumbles through a picaresque journey in our own hollow society to remain crucified among his own aspirations and ideals

Rangmanch's production certamly provided a "fun" evening for the audience Shah has used satire, folk theatre, invective and the agency of a play withm a play to involve the watchers in his bitter, stylised moekery of all strata of society and of the institutions they prop up The bombastic politician the civil servant, the seth, the pewhich is a death-in-life exis-ing

TRISHANKU was a king who tence for them, without conflict,

Shah has created these stereotypes which can be seen anywhere in our cities, for though they are symbols, they are also realistic The Theatre, played by Chaman Bagga, which commandeers these characters in this dance breaks into "realism" every now and then, involving the "actors" on stage and in the audience in suppets of comment and instruction which are just as telling and satirical as the characters which they are creating It is a profoundly cymcal view of the present day, with especially the absurd situation in which an ambitious, yet directionless youth who will never "make it" finds himself

Unfortunately, the playwright has been over generous in his exposure of the worms under the stories, and the play goes round in circles long after it should have come to a full stop liceman, the working girl, all There are good performances all play their set roles, motivated round, relaxed yet stylised, but only by their self-seeking and for real impact a somewhat oral corruption. The Yuvak more defined and momentous encounters them and runs head-pace is required. And this can long into their reflex actions, only be achieved through prun-

original wife in 'Look back in the faked shot of boy scout doin \She loves Sid, her par-Anger') move with perfect effi- Burt, so that he wouldn't eatch ents, his parents, the would cold, and the very up to date And because True Love the war hardware and combat cloth- myth, has to be preserved at all es. Also, there must be some costs, "It doesn't matter what Huns who don't have steely we feel, it's what they feel" says eyes and cruel mouths. If Burt Spencer Tracy the fake liberal and Co could look reasonably ordinary (especially the traitors in their midst who had the the parts of beh sets of parents same un-villamous faces as Maclean and Philby), why send up the Germans?

"Guess Who's Coming to Dinner"

The unbearably offensive cliches in this film are there is a problem, we have a problem, arguments. San. Francisco. sunyou have a problem." Also, set searching and Well I don't 'there's this situation." Phew, know I Just don't know." what a problem sitting through this colossal bore of a film with almost as much artifice as a to play that object, that freak Hindi sob story

Sidney Portier is so good, holy and virtuous, so disciplined. Katherine Hepburn remains the and long suffering, so successful prima donna- although it is disin the world that he reminds tressing to watch her nervous one of a gruesome ace-cream tic at close range- and Spencer oda. Kathy Houghton, a new Tracy the grand old man to his find, is a clicke of refreshing last film

The extremity of reaction on is a little hair to believe, especially when Spencer Tracy is spelled out as an outspokenly liberal newspaper editor. The mothers come round to "the situation through their womanly intuition but the fathers are made to drag out their token objections for reels and reels of

How embariassing for Portier of a black man wanting to marry a white gul. But even in this cardboard play-acting,



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Journalism with a purpose

"AS founder and editor o Britain When the Economic passage of time Weekly had to close down. That said, we must confess our resoundingly successful Econo Sachin Chaudhuri started, and feeling that a better volume mic Weekly. Someone only lived long enough to get going, would have been on Sachin its successor the *Economic and* Chaudhur. That in a signifiiny supplementing

FCONOMIC PLANNING AND SOCIAL ORGANIZATION Selected hanced its worth. Until he ception in itself would not have

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Political Weekly, a live memo-cant part such a volume would rial to him that hardly needs have been about the Economic Weekly would have doubly en-

Has the long and varied exmarkable overall perception of underdog the working of the Indian eco nomy, which economists-experts all in their limited fieldslacked m, when he launched his close to Sachin Chaudhun could blems of yesteryear. The serious answer the question, but it student of Indian economy and would be a highly rewarding society would no doubt find it answer to attempt

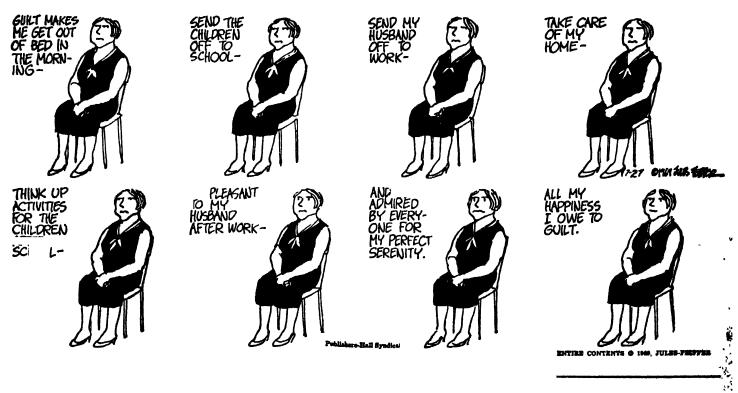
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Writings of Sachin Chaudhur. Leonomic and Policial Weekly founded that journal, which was earned him a niche, if he did when he was no longer young, not have a forward sense of so-Sachin Chaudhuri was not cial purpose-again, what eco-The present volume is a col-known, except perhaps in a very nomists lacked then and lack The Pronomic Weekly, lection mainly of his editorials limited circle. It was as if the now. For illustration, one has the late Sachin Chaudhuri in the I conomic Weekly, which first three quarters of his life only to go through the pages of (1904 66) set the tone of much have as Mi Hazari says in the of economic thinking in the preface 'as much relevance to-last We read, for instance, from country during the first decade day as when they were first the memori in the Economic economics combined with social and half of Planning, accord composed which is substan-and Political Weekly by A. K purpose which explains the only mig to the blimbs. There is no trally true. Journalism cannot Das Cupta, a class fellow and a success story in purposeful ecohite-long friend that Sachin nonne journalism in the coun Chaudhun was lost track of try No aspect was outside his try No aspect was outside his blurbs, the statement is literally does, one suspects suscess the first casions, and that he was once the main theme around which ed on the scene as if from the place! That the writings of traced to such an unlikely place the entire gamut of economic factors was Sachin Chandhuri retain a great as the movieland! scrutiny Planning of course was field of exploration, with genume concern always for the.

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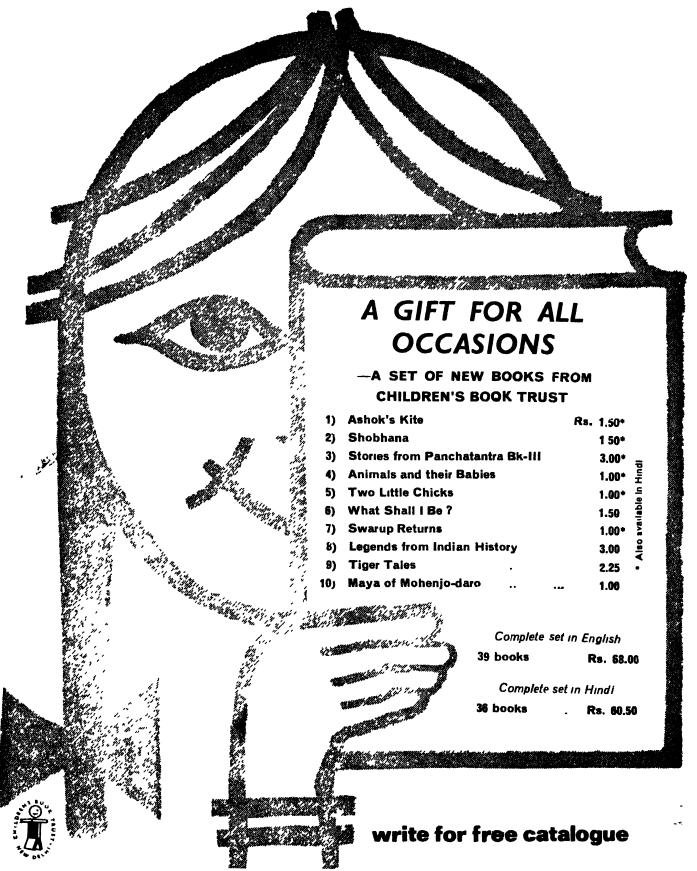
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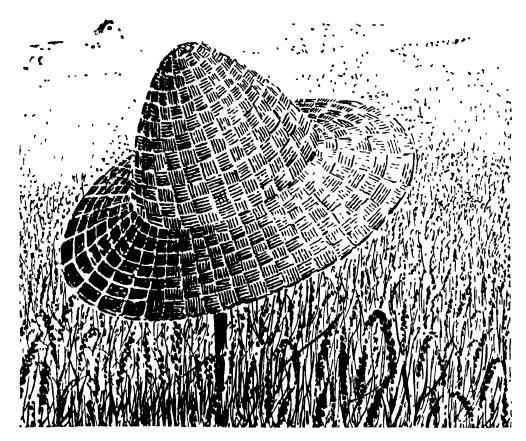
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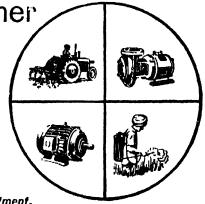
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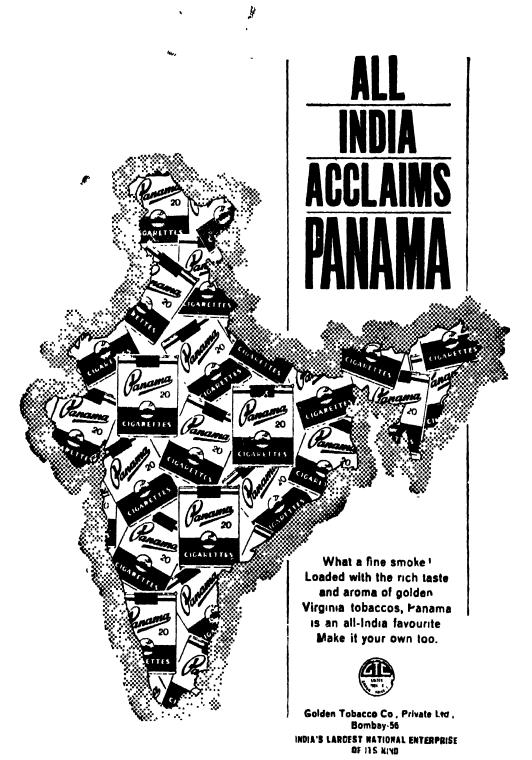
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FREE THINKING

IT IS only in India where—public men have the enormous—gumption to say that the nationalisation of 14 banks is just one step—behind communism. It is doubtful whether Joseph McCarthy would have said that because even he knew that a substantial part of the USA's finances and economy are under federal control. The only reasonable conclusion is that here they are trying to work up the mass hysteria of the winter of 1962 when every pale liberal was labelled an agent of Mao Unfortunately for the Masanis and Rajapis, the last general election changed the political face of India decisively and whatever gimmick they may be able to put forward with the help of their friends within the Jana Sangh, the PSP and the Congress itself, in large parts of the country this kind of insane propaganda will be laughed out

Mrs Indiri Gandhi's leftism has undoubtedly been motivated by personal political considerations. She was "beautifully vague," (to borrow her father's phrase) about the ten-point economic programme of the Congress in all carlier sessions of the AICC. Her leftism is too sudden to be quite genuine.

the AICC Her leftism is too sudden to be quite genuine.

The Right wing in India knows this Why then are they creating all this pother? The reason is that Mrs. India Gandhi has by her action made certain political attitudes fashionable. All India Radio no longer jibs at words like "socialism," "progressive" and even that vague stand-by, "people" and "popular." The Press Information Bureau no longer bothers to hide that there are such things as trade unions in this country and that they support bank nationalisation. If Masani's earlier complaint against Jawaharlal Nehru was that he was making the communists respectable by allowing them to function as ministers, now it is his turn to say that Mrs. Gandhi is not suppressing what he would no doubt call "subversive" expressions.

For Masani, Rajaji and even for Indira Gandhi the direction of these winds of change can no longer be reversed. The people of this country have been fobbed off with promises of a rapid national effort under a system where the economic benefits and shortages will be equally shared in order to take the country to the 20th century. The Swatantra leaders are perfectly right when they say that India must produce. India must not only produce but distribute And this distribution can no longer be done by a bureaucracy that has no involvement in the country's growth and the welfare of its citizens.

It is here that the Prime Minister has left herself vulnerable She has done something that has enthused a large part of the working classes of this country. But that zeal will get rancid and sour if she does not take up follow-up measures to translate rules into effect. Her commitment to socialism can be sized up only by closely watching her actions in the coming weeks and months. If she sits back basking in the sunshine following the announcement of bank nationalisation she is in for serious trouble. It is the bright day, as Shakespeare pointed out, that brings the adder forth.

The Man of the Week

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PLEASE TURN OVER FOR PEN PORTRA!T

The Man of the Week

1) FSPITE the assiduous cultivation of a neu mage and all the talk of his rural, poor, Methodist-Quaker background Richard Milhous Nixon still does not ell as a credible personality He keeps flickering from love to hawk and back to love with such rapidity that he himself must be having doubts about his identity But as President of a great and powerful country that has a most substantial contribution to make for world peace, Nixon could have developed into a statesman had he been an idealist of an intellectual He is neither

His present visits to some Asian capitals are a kind of 'shouing the flag' The Americans are not going to withdraw from the Pacific Nobody thinks they will They are out to meet their international obligations — meaning that the cold war will continue in this region because there is a fancical threat from China Many Asian countries also afraid of being overthroun by internal recolution conveniently raise this bogey to have their regimes propped up by one super-power or another or preferably by both

Nixon is reported to have said that the US will not get into a land war as it did in Korea and Victnam But that does not mean he will intervene elsewhere After all, when Nixon and the US talk of peace and stability in Asia what they have in mind is some way of coming to terms with Mao It is here that Nixon is firmly stuck China's dif-ferences with the Soviet Union have further confused the State Department which cannot develop a reasonable foreign policy in this area Nixon has therefore come with the tattered thought that while the US will not press its presence in a nuli tary sense, it will use aid trade and other economic measures to turn on the heat on administrations that lack both self-confidence and are not sure of the backing of the people If he cannot be a military dove Nixon will be an aid-giring hank So then us are He is still flickering

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we want PL480, we want US freedom to the banks

ready Our respectful greetings

Memoranda to Nixon

The Jana Sangh

In you we see the represenhas lost all her freedoms and is and you look after your cows practically run as a communist with greater care and affection are also going to Rumania world. We have our Valmiki, who run India on behalf of an have your Barry Goldwater spiracy are a far tougher bunch have our Baltaj Madhok There (we mean, India) under the with all the enthusiasm that Comrade we should have You see us Jawaharlal Nehru imposed con-suffering under the burden of better profits. We had ment has proved that it is the repeatedly pointed out to that tool of international community government that this was a isin and deserves no sympathy

dictatorship of the party and We know what is going to the bureauciacy The night- happen next They shall soon be mare has come true at last! insisting that we all wear blue Fourteen of the biggest banks uniforms as the Chinese do inhave been nationalised and stead of our ancient dhotis We know that we shall all be com-Much worse is in store We pelled to live in communes, hear that ceilings may be break with our families and beplaced on urban property that come automatons at the comnewspapers may be made into trusts, that traditional investors picions that Nehru was a secret will not be getting the larger communist. This was confirmed share of bank deposits for in- when, despite our advice and vestment. You are therefore admonition, he refused to ban seeing us just before we go the Communist Party (or parties) under, for the last and final and instead allowed them to time. In the name of human fight the elections and form the freedom, we appeal to you and government in one state at least to your government that the Today the puppet government slowly developing power in Delhi is run by subversive vacuum in this area must be communists of all shades from filled. We request that US pink to dark red. In the name of Maines should be sent here to nationalism we want you to opsafeguard our inviolable rights pose these developments and We want a nuclear umbrella, help us to give back unalloyed

we want collaboration, aid, after the cultural revolution. Patrade, loans from you This is kistan too, has had a share of the only way this country can trouble after the ouster of Ayub be saved, if it is not too late al- Khan The timing of Mrs. Indira Gandhi's announcement is highly suspicious. Once again we greet you and we implore you to carry our voice to all areas where freedom still flourishes

Acharya Kripalani

As one of the seniormost Gandhians in India today I watch the nationalisation of banks with trepidation and sorrow and forecast that before long Brezhnev will be ruling us from Delhi. In the light of this knowledge, what can I say to the visiting Head of a State which follows Candhism to the utmost? Its treatment of Haryans, its liberal laws which enable even such dangerous characters as Sacco and Vanzetti to live on for eight years after they had been arinternational communist con- You have your Karl Mundt, we tested its economic advancement seen in the vast sums spent than the Rumanian communists are so many parallels between on space programmes prove that who have always been seeped us that will take up a lot of the USA is the only socialist country that exists in the world Over the years this country But today we do not greet you today. But deviating from the great example shown by your country, our rulers, dazzled by Moscow's so-called support, have trol on com serce and industry, a dictatorial and tyrannous re- chosen the path of communism heavy taxes were imposed on showed inshowed insh We had ment has proved that it is the that as long as Indian banks remain nationalised, this government is not credit-worthy and should not be provided any kind We know what is going to of help. This will be the most spectacular and timely help that vou can render Indian democracy and real socialism

AGASTYA

Odd Signs-

At a cinema house in an Andhra Pradesh town:

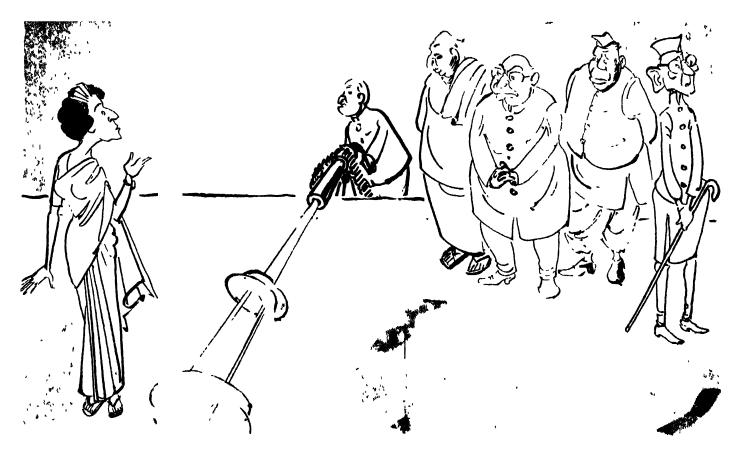
> Money not refund if a show is breaked by any cause.

On a board, carrying several telegrams, at the Central Telegraph Office, Bombay.

Telegrams awaiting arri-

Note Items for 'Odd Signs' should be factual and not invented and should as far as possible be in facsimile. Senders will receive two consecutive educational foundations, we It is well known that China issues of the Weekly for want planes, ships, tanks, inch. has been in financial difficulties item published.—Ed., S.W. issues of the Weekly for every

Trigger-happy



Mrs Gandhi has taken exception to Mr S K Patil's remarks on bank nationalisation which she fears are not conducive to unity in the party

It began with Victoria

THE East India Company the Queen went into was doing exceedingly ever, it appears the Queen got an agent of the Ottoman Einstein The Druds while the issue as well. It had a thousand her bright socialist ideas when pire, Byzantine Art and even nationalisation. The national-property she was immersed in hot water. Saladin who was an enemy of sation of the Fast India Componental guls and could pro- and soap bubbles. At least Richard. cure an almost infinite number this was what the Times of if need atose. And they made England wrote. And the solid profit, through clean busi- Victorian. Express, and the ness practices like stripping Prig the Begums of Oudh (of their

how did Queen Victoria plan the company's nationalisation? Historians say the Queen had Worker?"

a Turkish bath, which she called her Turkish Delight. Of "But w. course our own Young Turks "For so (they aren't Turks, and a few Gladstone. of them are doddering) are in compared to the steaming bath and more about the Turkish "We're here talking about the homes, the titled mistresses in

can't understand this jewels), hanging once a while said the Queen to Gladstone, said Gladstone, "they ll get a customer or two like Raja "all the major papers except nowhere plugging that how handkumar the Daily Worker have been After all, Britain itself is extra Victorian economics wasn't peeping into my bath particularly socialistic and vet, Daily Worker meanwhile, has Danish and German, and finally pledged its solidarity with me What do we do with Daily

"Ban it," said Gladstone
"But why?" asked the Queen
"For supporting us," said

The Queen knew it was no no sense a delight (they are solution, and let it stay there Turkish bores) and cannot be But the papers wrote more

How bath and said the Queen was Saxons and the Normans and

"Absolutely below the belt," the said the Queen 'Next they'll sey I'm German and not truly British, and hence ought to go'

'Don't worry, Your Majesty,' The territorial Britain is Viking, of Hastings, don't you?"

"Don't I^{b"} sobbed the Queen "That was a great let-down for my German ancestors The the British

"The Saxons, Gladstone

"Look," said the Queen

absence of ideology in all this debate

But, maam' sud Glad-stone 'who bothers about ideology in any ease?

The Company was quick to launch ats counter offensive It sponsored a number of newspaper editorials which sought to re-asse's history and estab-French, You know the Battle lish that all the good things were done by the private sec-"Remember Christopher Columbus wrote an editor, "the man who discovered the said French and not we defeated Americas. Of course it was not a pleasant discovery for us corrected because it let all those coarse calmen and ranchers in here They bought up our stately

cluded. But that apart, if the city, they still recognised the or their Shipping Corporation, the bineaueracy's guidance what might have happened? The Americans might never have interest and concern been discovered. They might have perished from not being said 'they are irrelevant" discovered, and the Santa Maria itself now a dreamy pleasure boat of the bureaueracy, as mefficient and expensive as the Spanish Armada, expertese, knowhow

ten even about—the discovery of electricity. Benjamin thee'll stop subscribing in no "discovered (invented is the newspapers to run" word if you ask me) lightning using a simple copper late pay packets reminded Glad Any government agency the stone. That will make them Atomic Friergy for instance, would have gone pretty desperate people alon and on without even dis- ready. They might take to covering a cloud. Ben knew writing this He knew too that the toilet world would be a terribly cobbles" dreary place without electricity. only private enterprise could do the trick Electricity has "After all it's precisely the free cuterprise and clean the Indians (then solacingly indeed done well under the same end that nationalisation entrepreneurs who ca of these papers achieves". Masanis, "This is a corrupt and good government. There after

Benja Columbus and particularly enthusiastic about Also, it was difficult to rely too ofically) free competition in either the Americans or electric much on the support of the the manufacture of cars. The

Portuguese Government (long greatness of these achievements live our friendship with our And it was convincing enough oldest ally medientally) had when the newspapers remindnationalised the Santa Maria ed them the discoveries might and given it over to their Navy never have taken place under

The Queen read all this with

"These people are mad" she

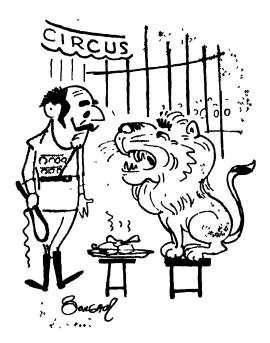
We may have to take over these papers,' said Gladstone "But we may never get enough people to run them. I mean

would have sailed on and on and on and never discovered the Americans. I ve an idea, said the Queen, "We'll run it for the beneat of the people. The people would get so terribly bored with the benefit that declared the editor, time. There'll no more be any

> "The editors will lose their Department more desperate they are lous editorials on and roadside

A world where even guls' Queen, with the au of one who the Company went merrily on, an army. In fact, most private A world where even girs. Queen, with the air of one who the volupany state having an array many many many mylen garters would not shoot knew. We'll send them out stripping more Beguns of their businessmen have small armies sparks when pulled off their to petty legations, or keep them jewels hanging more Rajas or a few thugs at their disposal, loos! And Ben knew too, that in some other kind of subsidy. "But this is no cuterprise," in addition to the public re-True sa. l - Gladstone

the threatened takeover moun-Franklin were fumiliar to the ted the Oueen found it more though like that advanced by Victorian British. Though not difficult to make any move people who demand (unpatri-



Treat me with the respect due to the national animal

people, because most of them Company was a private cor-'They won't' said the were Victorians. Meanwhile poration after all though it had

said those who believed in lations men and women. And

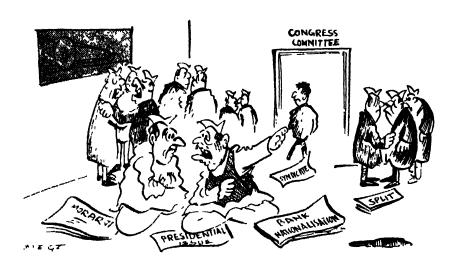
That was extremist criticism

these papers achieves" Masanis This is a corrupt and good government.

But as the campaign against inonopoly was no bincompart. There was plenty of efficiency For instance it took not more than a few hours for the Company to strip a Begum of her trinkets, whereas a public agent would have instituted an almost interminable procedural drama to do the same thing

> But the Company made a mistake about pig lard and the beef essence That led to labour unrest and indiscipline And instead of helping the Company to tackle it, Victoria nationalised the Company itself Had she not done that, the East India Company would have handed over its business to an Indian consortium on the 15th of August 1947 Victoria ditched us Government became a public sector affair. All our troubles have sprung from this original ditching

Bank nationalisation is but a minor detail



"Says man landed on the moon! What a toke!"

Yasmin

The Teacher Taught



Mr Namboodiripad is not coming to Delhi to discuss his and Mr Gopalan's statement

HVPO REPORTS:

Graduated escalation

Private Opinion, whose valu- tually able insights into political behaviour in the country you must have sorely missed these sturing days, has not been exactly idle Unlike some very unscientific and unprofessional bodies whom we could name if we were less decent and less professional, we do not rush with half-backed findings In particular, we are always anxious to find a theoretical, larger frame for events, since without such a frame, events make no sense. As any one concerned even remotely with the social sciences will tell you, not every theory position makes practical sense but no practical conclusion that cannot has drawn heavily on the well-

THE Indian Institute of Very can long be sustained intellected in the fifties to explain the lationship between the syndi-

What then is the theoretical structure for the shattering events of the last fortnight? The IIVPO has after long and mtense reflection, developed two theories The first is a hypothesis about personal motivation of the actors in the recent political drama that preceded bank nationalisation. The second, a hypothesis on the large implications of the events of the last fortnight in terms of large historical sweeps. We shall deal in this week only with the first, leaving the second for later ex-

The IIVPO's theory which be explained in theortical terms known "games theory" develop- tuation, we may say that the re- elections for the Lok Sabha

on the seminal ideas of Kahn, 'indicate' in the Congress has ses" It will take too long to ex- may well turn out that the preplam Kahn's theories but suffice sent cold war postures of the it to say that in a situation in two factions will eventually which two clusters of power are reach the stage of the finally obliged to adopt postures of escalated hot war or of the nuhostility for one reason or ano-clear stalemate. But that is to ther, there is a definite progres- anticipate sion in their mutual confrontation from inchoate hostility to a hot war, unless a stalemate is gin? Well, in philosophic inquibrought about by a situation of rice, it is difficult to decide of successive escalatory respon- chick Likewise, it is futile to go 'overkill' by both

cold war attitudes, particularly cate and the newly christened can be called the hypothesis of many of the attributes of the graduated escalatory respon- cold war in its carly stages. It

When did the escalation beimportance by the very process which came first, the egg or the ses leading to a situation of too far back. For our purposes it is enough to start with the twin events of Applying it to the Indian si- Banasktanta and Midnapur bye-

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Menon, it is true, is not a mem- Cuban missile tiasco) Mrs ber of the 'indicate'—at least not Gandhi shrewdly accepted her Midnapore or vice versa

Skipping, for lack of space,

held some months ago in which sile episode.) And it also pro-Mr S K Patil and Mr. V. K vides for making deft use of Kushna Menon were returned one's own defeat (Again vide to Parliament V. K. Kushna Khrushehev's conduct after the vet But in symbolic schemes - defeat and turned it to her adrepeat schemes--you should not vantage by publicly announcing be too fussy about details. Let her support of Mr Reddi's canus say that Banaskanta was a didature the same evening as symbolic graduated response to she relieved Mi Morari Desai of the Fmance portfolio

The response of the 'syndicate' the many other steps in the gra- to this was somewhat confused, duated escalation, we come to partly because of Mrs. Gandhi's the lamous "stray thoughts" on shrewd tactics Nevertheless, the economy that burst like a Me response, was there Here it bomb in the stillness of the becomes necessary to digress Class House in Bangalore. That once again and point out that in was the stage which may be the scheme of graduated ressaid to have marked the first use poises, it often happens that not of the nuclear tactical weapon all responses are necessarily esca-



"Complete equality would have been established by providing you with bath salts and perfumes .



"The similarity does not end with appearance she equally ferocious

ing fought with conventional nothing more than keep the conweapons It evoked a somewhat frontation alive. Thus, the initial delayed response but when the response to the sacking of Mr. some detail the next few escaresponse came, it was something of a shocker to the "indicate." The reference is, of course, to the setting up of Mi Sanjiva Reddi as the Congress candidate for the Presidency

The next stage in the escalation was-not to put too fine a point on it-the "sacking" of Mr Desar The cold war was getting penlously hotted up but it was strictly in terms of the rules of the book. It should be mentioned in parenthesis that the theory of graduated escalatory response provides for pauses and tem-porary acceptance of setbacks (Vide the famous Cuban mis-

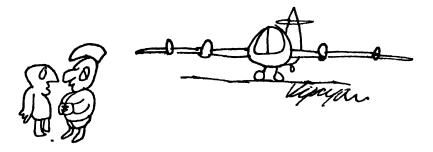
m a war which was till then be- latory. Often the response does

Candhi decided that she should running away with it. Neverthescize the advantage and escalate less, the IIVPO can safely hazannounced nationalisation of veral more steps of such steady banks. And she threw in for escalation a hot war will be inegood measure her acceptance of vitable. Unless, of course, as in Mr Desai's resignation speech at the Rotary Club may two quarrelling urchins

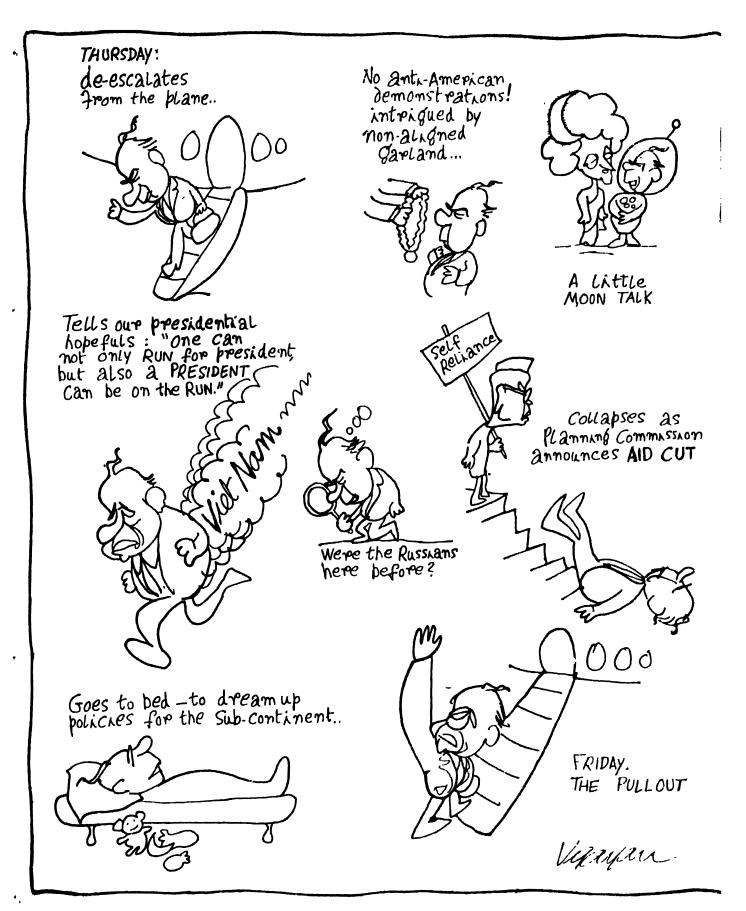
The IIVPO has worked out in for themselves.

Desai seemed to be violently es- latory challenges and responses calatory, but soon it was no more but would not like to show its than a mere desire not to lose hand lest it should put ideas in the battle as well as the war, the heads of the rival factions. Thus, the pressure to make the HVPO's concern for national PM give the Finance portfolio welfare outweighs any temporaback to Mr Desai was great but ry advantage it may gain by alnot too great Anyway, Mrs lowing its professional expertise the confrontation further, and ard the prediction that after so-The the case of nuclear stalemate, IIVPO thinks that this escala- the "overkill" position of the tion marks the stage when nu- two factions introduces the new clear weapons ceased to be tac- element of an enforced detente. tical ones and became central to Obvicusly, escalation, however the strategy of escalation The graduated and controlled, cansyndicate's response to this is not go on indefinitely. A balloon yet not very clear but Mr. Patil's that is alternately inflated by be taken as a definite escalatory eventually burst, unless both get out of breath in time. Well, readers can work out the analogy

JASON



"Whatever the make, don't you think foreign exchange is always welcome?"



Above are some "mid-course extrections" in Nixon's visit to India proposed by the cartoonist, but abandoned

Banking overtones

IT was comparatively easy for mosities or the ruling party Saugh Swatantia opposition by Cengress benches between Mr the country supported her Gos herice and Mrs. Sucheta Kripa had warned Mrs. Candbi about the fate of Nkrumah and Seo karno, was only pleading for respect for the minority view point. The minority, of course, has the rightwing parties opposite made no attempt to hide its total opposition to the measure, said they were 'professional opposition to the Congress Right Cassandras' who are 'fated to could be discerned in the probe unbelieved"

On the other hand, it is the posture of things in her own party that gives little room for Mrs Gandbi to be complacent The tell tale absence of senior Congress members like S K Patil and Kamuaj from the House at the time of voting has drawn comments from the Opkeeping away Similarly the tension that was built up in the

the Princ Minister to dismiss, which could explode any time the attack on her by the Jana. The angry exchanges on the claiming that the overwhelm Sashi Bhushan and Mrs Tarkeing majority of the people in shwan Suha Mrs Sarada Muk-Sashi Bhushan and Mrs Tarkevernment's Bill to nationalise laneworked up so much emotion banks. The divisions in the that it spilled over into excited House clearly established this group discussions in the lobbies majority Even Mr. Masani, who and central half. Indeed the thought the Bill is one step in banks nationalisation Bill, which the direction of dictatorship and has dominated the proceedings Aning the week has underscored the differences in the ruling to underline the extent of disum- its adversaries charped on the party even more than the opposition to the measure from

While the threads stretching though But the Prime Minister from the Jana Sangh-Swatantia tracted procedural wrangles in the House, the debate itself has shown that Mrs Gandhi could draw support for her Bill and her leadership largely from the younger elements in the party Together with the Left opposition they have rallied to hail the measure

> confined to the Jana Sangh Swatantra groups, the way party



ty in their ranks. The SSP has alls of the public sector and proshown that it can be equally phesied that the result of facile when supporting the Bill nationalisation, would be bad and when supporting the IS- for the depositor, the bank em-Swatantra demand for a select plovee and whoever else they committee Mr Limave and Mr could think of To their charge S. N. Dwivedi. (PSP) drew that she was being led up the thundering cheers from the garden path by the wily Com-Swatantra and Jana Saugh members for their championing of was to bit back pointing out the demand for a joint select how they themselves were only committee and for more time to repeating what the New China debate the Bill Both, however, protested that they were sup- more relevant key was her quotporting the principle of the Bill ing the examples of France, Italy

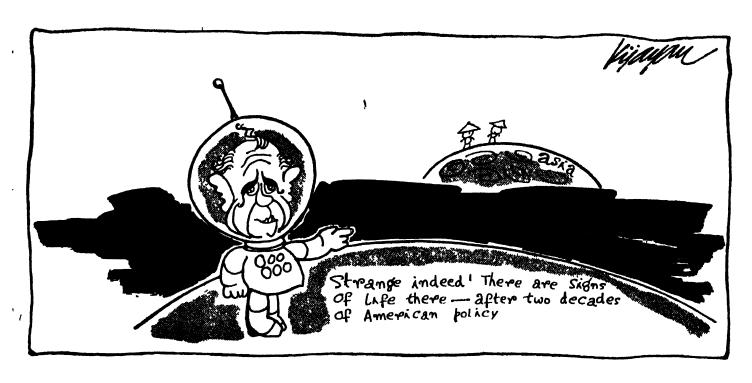
Meanwhile, the debate itself on the Bill has run on predicta-On the exposition benches, ble lines, the only surprise being position that the 'Syndicate" was though the resistance is really the indulgence, even cheers, that the Law Minister has started getting from Communist ben-House on Tuesday forenoon fol-alignments - chainged - and - ches with whom he always clash - the crisis - unside the Congress lowing a clash between a Young - shuffled in the process of heat - ed - The protagonists of nation-- party - CPI's S A - Dange coun-Turk member and three wos ed controversies regarding the alisation could advance any tered it by saving that even so men Congress Members showed tune allotted for the Bill's con-number of economic justificathe strong undercurrent of an sideration and passing only goes cations for the measure, while

munists, Mrs. Candhi's answer News Agency had said. On a and Sweden in defence of the step, which should prove that it was not a communist plot as the Right opposition made out. The Jana Sangh-Swatantia charged that the Bill was politically motivated and the product of it was welcome. If it was politics it was good politics, argued Dange alluding to Mr. Morani Desais exit and exhorting that more heads should roll. Lakewise Mi V K Kiishna Menon, making his first speech from the Opposition, welcomed the Bill and declared that there was nothing wrong if it was politically motivated

At the same time, however, some of the supporters of the measure felt it necessary to sound a note of warning about the future performance of the nationalised banks Both Mr. P Ramamurthy and Mr Tridib Kumai Chowdhury have warned against repeating the history of the LIC which has used its funds to give huge loans to big private capitalists Well, if the Swatantia and the Jana Sangh had similar "apprehensions," they certainly were not showing ıt

ABSENTEL GALLERYMAN





President Nixon visited several Asian countries

Please Pass the Sugar

vention, "And to conclude my wanted speech, let me close with a slogan which I hope will in the Big Chief confronted the years to come become as famous errant Minister With fire as Churchill's V for Victory breathing down his nostrils, he he gave in his resignation sign. And I think it will, for looked like an ad for a rather His letter went, "And I feel spirit in which we work and is the raison d'etre of our industry the Salt of the Earth"

Phones buzzed, and were to know about it lumits."

THE Minister for Salted having overstepped the limits you will resign when you've Biscuits and Assorted Cara- was doing a jig, all to luinself, heard that I'm taking over the mels was addressing the con- for he had started the crisis he portfolio of Salted Biscuits and

it embodies our purpose, the powerful cigarette. Unfiltered that there was no necessity for qualifications 'Why did you make that state- your having taken over the ment?" "But Big Chief, you portfolio of Salted Biscuits, My slogan is - We are know that the decision to add that I was willing to follow handed in his resignation. He sugar to the salted biscuits was your policy, and to revise my refused to take it back top secret and no one else was slogan. I also feel that having someone said, "The flesh is tapped all over the Capital doctors would not prescribe have paid me an insult which His resignation was finally ac-The Capital was called "Cen- them for diabetic patients. So I cannot brook, and leaving me cepted. He picked up his tre of the Earth". They were I thought my slogan would with the Assorted Caramels hatchet and his grindstone and a modest race Big Chief was only perpetuate the deception post is like offering candy to a sauntered off into the wilder-perturbed. In consternation he Big Chief similed at him Pity-child to keep it quiet." And ness. And as he walked past yelled, "How dare the Minister ingly. "Anyway, I've already Big Chief, reading the letter the streets curying a placard come out with such a slogan accepted your resignation. So chortled with laughter, and which explained his stand, no Salt of the Earth indeed! And it's no use discussing the mat-said, "Boy did he get the one listened for all were too last week, just last week, I ter". The Minister yelled, message " busy grabbing the new salted decided that there would be a "But I haven't given in my certain percentage of sugar resignation.' And Big Chief added to the salted biscuits, so smiling even more pityingly (it Chief refused to give in He that diabetic patients could was a bit of strain on his mouth said that since he had initiated ed. Big. Chief for having cheat the doctors Clearly the to maintain the curve, but Big the decision to introduce the brought sweetness into their Minister has overstepped his Chief was a trouper and he did sugar content in the Salted lives

leaving you Assorted Caramels."

And the Minister did resign With fire Amidst wailing and howling Otherwise taken this portfolio away, you willing but the spirit is weak."

The crisis rolled on Big And the Minister it), said, "You will, you will biscuits it was up to him to

take full charge of the business The job required a person with dedication and a historic sense that would enable him to handle all the decisions and commitments that the post would involve And Big Chief felc that he was the only persen who measured up to these

The Minister gave in

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The Draw

Rejumal Panjwam, our saying no, he didn't want it and some thought to the question to buying the ticket and when grocer, gave me first a 50-P coin, even when he got the prize and said finily, "No, I'd ner its my ticket which has brought a rupee note and then fumbling hard, cold cash as many one ther say nor do it. In fact, home the big bacon, I'll hardly mside his eash-box, muttered, rupee notes as put end to end other things, being equal I'd be in a toler int, mood if some Bless me if I can find another would--" two rupees! Notes, I mean There ie plenty of fivers and give you torty 5-P coins, suit you?"

forty fivers," I said "That would pose suit me better, because they won't burst my wallet, while the 5-bits will

paper at me, one white and one I owe all this to you, and though typine supees and fortyone of the Rajasthan lottery and the of retaining my rupee and relatter of Uttar Pradesh When tuning to you the 4 lakhs 99 "Better than legal tender. And nmetyrine, Ill make a gestine don't refuse when luck knocks by splitting the prize with you on vour door A chap called 50 50 basis. Take 2½ lakhs, I'll Popatrao of Poona won 24 lakh take 2½ lakhs and let's both be rupees outright because some-happy. Now, you wouldn't say body literally hung a ticket that, would you?"

WITHER changing my fiver around his neck when he was

"Reach the moon," I interpo-

'- he didn't even pay the one didn't like obscurity rupce to the chap who'd hung the ticket on him," fluished Be-I shook my head "Give me jumal 'Human nature, I sup-

I hesitated a little bit, he added, thousand nine hundred and

engage in a violent altercation old codger like you babbles to

termers but no rupees. I can lated with the appropriate note equal?" asked Rejumal, who again

I mean if I've aheady collected the cish sm notes of small denomination of course and if at the same time I hap "Say it again, because you pen to have run up my morth." never said a truer word," I said. Is bill with you. I won't ask you in il, bit in those, suppositional "For instance, if you bag the to wait till the salary day. I'll encounstances debreated above, "Ah!" said Rejumal, as if he'd 5-lakh prize with that UP tice civ, 'Old Rejumil, pal considfound a way out of the impasse, ket of yours, you wouldn't come using all that you've done for and threw two oblong pieces of to me and say, Rejumal buddy me you can collect your seven pink. The former was a ticket I won't go to the extreme length, paise right, iway. Fill up your of age, you've it in the matter pockets and try to smile for a change, that's what Ill sav-

> "O you will, will you?" said Repunal venomously—And why the violent altereation?" lic asked still trying to do the i's and cross the t's

"Psychology," I said "Wh

I put away the tickets, gave it's my money which's gone mme of a 50.50 split would 19 What other things being in fact-' I shook my head

> 'In fact what?' asked Remmal in almost a frency

You asked for it and you shouldn't have any hard feelings if I speak the truth, Reju-I may be so mened at your senscless demand that I might haur one on voer roy. After all Lve the advantage in the matter of weight. Cave a few years or a few pounds either way, and I dare say con ll get a black eye or something but no split? And I sinded or a manner which could have been borrowed from Mephystopheles

At this Rejumal became so

paisa worth of damage doing night" his species of tandara. I thought Id better let the fellow work it is that's certainly heartening out of his system or stew in bis I said, but it leaves me back own juice if he couldn't but be, where I started. We contention a sudden doubt and talling out too long. the two tickets. I'd a closer look Then I said

'Here, Repumal I won't impute any motives to you not would I hop as I consider that all conotion is superfluous. But this UP ticket shows the date for, the Dawn of the Day of of the draw as the 25th which is, the Daily Draw," I said ferventof the draw as the 25th which is, or rather was, form days back'

Rennyal cahned down instantly, examined the ticket and said. So it is Or rather was I'm sorry He put it back in the box and fumbling some more, gave me a ticket of Orissa That's fresh as a daisy,' he said. It's a fortnight for the

have to wait for a fortinght'

'Exactly said Rejunial completely restored to good humour and patting me on the back

mad that he hopped, and very many ways, is seized of the curiously too, because though popular impatience and from the shop was piled up with the next month there'll be two goods on the floor and festoon- draws every month and there'll ed with them from the coiling, be eight first prize winners or the crafty bird didn't do one semi-millionaires, every fort-

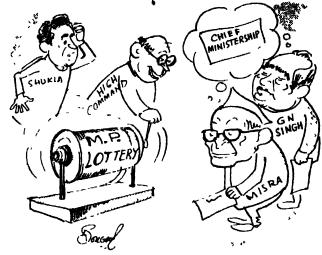
fore leaving I was seized with is that the fortnight by itself is

Who knows, we'll have weekly draws, and if the people like it and ask for more, maybe alank diaws'

ething to wait ly 'You'll never be bothered by fosing, because—there'll always be tomorrow

'Ataboy!' circl Rejumal 'That's the sprit! Do you know what far-reaching effects the Daily Draw will have? Suppose. for instance that on salary-day draw yet. To err is human, and you've to pay out. Rs 350 while the good increhant's motto is, your pay envelope contains only Errors and Omissions Except- Rs 300 All right, you hold the creditors at bay, buy Rs 50 worth of tickets, and wait for 'How about some draw which tomorrow, that's all. If you don't is tomorrow." I asked, looking bag a prize, on spend another at the ticket. It's irksome to Rs 50 and wait for the next day and so on Creditors will always wait for another day won't they?

"I suppose they will," I agreed Om own State, the pioneer in 'When the DD starts, Reju-



Reports are current of change in leadership of the Madhya Pradesh govt

mal. Ill bear your suggestion in

kill Matka ' ment also must draw its lotter- paper the results are published." ies everydis and more, should sell its tickets through canvassers on a house-to house basis. That alone will kill off the Matkawallas Similarly, if the Covernment wants to do away with rotgut booze at must open competitive stalls in every alley, nook, ditch shed, hole and corner and guarantee that a shot of its stuff (40-P a shot) will put an elephant to sleep You can't fight the devil with distilled water, can you?

No,' I said "And in the case of the hooch also, door-to-door canvassing should be highly efficacious. The first thing the householder should find, before the arrival of the milkman, would be the Government chap with his basket, hooch on one side and tickets on the other And now an revoir

On the way home I was in a sort of reverie Tuning the corner I noticed some enterprising chap had written on the wall with chalk State Lottery Result. First prize to No. J. 183654.

When I went home I produced the two tickets and said to wife, Put these away somewhere Our Rejumal pressed faint or somethings? them on me and I couldn't very well say no to him, could I^{p^n}

She'd have grumbled if I'd bought National Savings Certificales, but now she said noth-And that's the only way to mg. She opened her trunk and sill Matka' said Rejumal said sheepishly "As a matter of What's the use of half measus fact live also bought a neket, rest II you can gamble on the just one I think the draw is to-Matka every day the Govern- day but I don't know in which

> That doesn't present a major problem I said

> She took out her ticket and before folding it up with mine looked at it and said, 'My number is 183654"

> I strikened "Say it again" I croaked

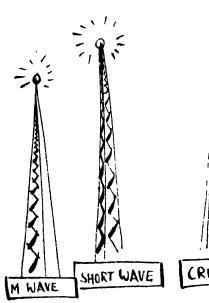
"183654, she said

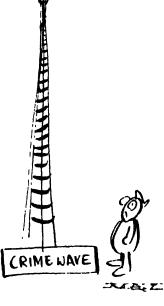
My han stood on end My skin was covered with goosepumples of the size of peas. Of course I remembered the shalked number perhaps because it was all multiples of 18 Then 1 remembered the horrible J, the letter of the series 1 knew every time the draw consisted of four series, and at the present cataclysmic moment, I'd a oncin four chance of being a semimulhonaire

What's the letter behind the number?' I asked, hardly audibly "The letter behind the num-

She locked and said, "It's K. What's the matter? Feeling

G V KULKARNI





Moon-struck



Preces of moon rock will be presented to the heads of state of all countries -Report

In Defence of the Miser

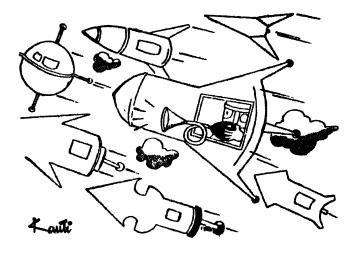
HUMANKIND can conveni- it should be so What I under- ways prompted with the highest the minds of my friends who distinct groups, the misers and of miserliness should sting the necessarily altruistic and unselthe spendthruits. Eevryone, he it pride of the victim, while the fish about it man or woman, young or old, speudthrift, when reproached Take my own case. I am a warped my attitude and like belongs to one category or the for extravagance, should take it notorious and unabashed spend-most spendthrifts who have other. The man who is neither as veiled compliment which pro-

ently be classified into two stand even less is that the charge motives that there is something think so Whether or not I am crent attitudes towards life in seems to be based on the er-

thrift I have been spend-made a mess of their affairs, I a spendthrift nor a miser, the duces in him a glow of self-ing thoughtlessly, improvidently have come to resent people who man, that is to say, who is nor- satisfaction. In fact, by resent- with no thought of the rainy manage their affines more intelmal, is rare, almost non-existent, ing the accusation of miseilness, day I have been living several ligently and who never find like the man with a perfectly nor- the misers theinselves pay a come years ahead of my income, de-themselves financially in a tight mal vision. And the two groups, pliment to extravagance I often luding myself. Microwber-like corner Not that I do not see viewing each other with distrust wonder why the miser should that some day, sooner or later, that this attitude is highly illoand hostility, remain irreconci- feel so apologetic, why he should my income will catch up with gical Nor do I share the comlable. What one fails to under- be so much on the defensive, my expenditure But each pass- mon view (which is as unstand is why, instead of regard- about his thrift and husbandry ing year has served only to add warranted as it is uncharitable) ing these terms as convenient which his detractors choose to to my debts until, considering that the miser is one who loves labels for indicating two diff- call miserliness. The whole thing my means and resources, the money for its own sake, who figure has become astronomical general and money in particular, roneous idea that there is an This has created about me the to money, who is churlish and we should use them as terms of inherent virtue in living beyond myth that I am large-hearted, mean, a man totally devoid of reproach to be flung unthinking- ones' means, in overpaying for generous, although what I think wider sympathies

generous, of one thing I am sure This habit of overspending has has a pathological attachment

ly at anyone whom we happen services rendered, resulting in about the truth or otherwise of I have thought the matter over to dislike for the moment. The utterly unwarranted suppositions in the utterly unwa It is indeed unfortunate that tion that over-spending is al- have no intention of disabusing detachment and I am now con-



vinced that the so-called miser extortionate, of being a usurer is one who is prudent, farsighted regardful of the future, who plans out his life carefully and self and his family. He is a man of wholesome habits, his ingrained thriftmess keeps him from taking to dangerous and expensive habits. He is a modest, thrift unostentatious, self-disciplined person, he has no false pride You may mistake his humility self abasement. But he knows on which side his bread is buttered, his is a pure, dedicated spirit engaged in the highnunded pursuit of enlightened self-interest, a purpose which remains unshaken by the sneers of the spendthrift. He is a living embodiment of self-sacrifice and inculcate in his children at the sole consideration is the streng-thening of their moral fibre. If the distress of the needy and the poor it is not because he is callous or unfeeling but because he has too much consideration inisplaced as it is ill-conceived, for then self-respect and because he believes in the virtue of self-help and self-rehance. If he appears, from our standards, to be somewhat mean in paying for services rendered to him. it is because experience has taught him that the habit of overpaving encourages sloth and idleness in others. If he is inclined to drive a hard bargain, to insist on getting his money's worth, to invest his mony for presponsible mood. In fact he sheer wrong-headedness to accuse him of being rapacious and party.

Even the most exorbitant rate of interest that he may charge cannot compensate him for his to the best advantage of him- persevering self-denial. Bather in doing so, he is conferring a public benefaction in so much as usury acts as a natural curb on the wastefulness of the spend-

But my friend the produgal presents a very different picture He is free with his money, he self and his friends, but to say this is not to pretend that he is always actuated by the highest tolling the virtues of self-abnemotives He may have the most gation non-attachment, withcing contempt for the miser, he may preen himself on his liberality and large-heartedness, he may even succeed in creating this impression on his friends of the ideal of simple living and and associates. But a little hearthigh thinking which he seeks to searching will perhaps give him a different prespective, it may most impressionable 'sage of force on him an awareness of their life. If he denies to them, the true motives behind his proself-indulgence in any form, his digality Perhaps it is moral faxitv a lack of self-control, per haps it is just vaniglory a desne he is not too ready to reheve to show off. At best, it is just another form of self-indulgence Be that as it may, I do not see how this generosity, which is as does any good to any one And the prodigal himself is the one who invariably comes to grief The gay, glittering, giddy pageant that his life has become does not last very long, a time comes when he begins to see the tolly of it all, the reckless orgies of spending are invariably followed by a hangover, by the gnawing regret at the excesses committed in that wild and maximum returns it would be has inade a mess of his life and the laugh is now with the other

Whether it is their profound spirituality is the natural conscquence of their miserliness is usurer is certainly a more deeply religious man than those for whom self-pidulgence is the summum bonum of life It is to the we owe countless temples, 'dhararnshalas' and bathing 'ghats'. If you go to their homes, you find 'puja' and rituals prescribed for the large pantheon of gods and goddesses to whom they owe allegiance A banker friend of mine who is notorious for charging fanciful rates of interest even magazines devoted to spurtual visited him he has forced on me one of these contributions exnonpossession and so forth, with not even a dun awareness that completely lost on an earthbound, grossly materialistic creawould be the height of absur-

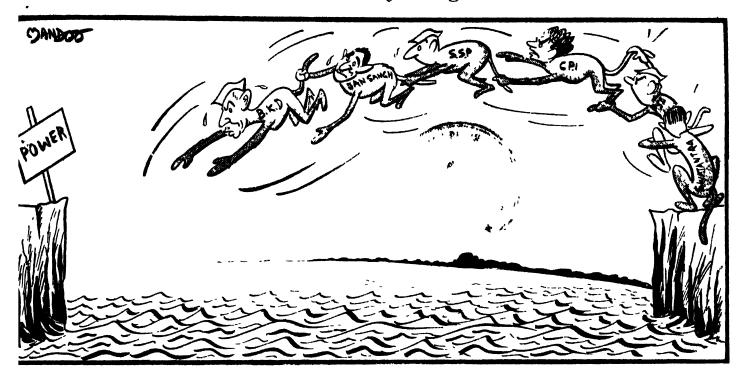
While I see the prodigal drift. And yet I cannot bring myself ing rudderless on the tide of round to accept a miser's life as wayward impulses, the life of the an ideal one. While I have the miser is rooted in security and profoundest respect for his given over to simple pieties. If character and way of life, I I may hazard a generalization, somehow do not envy him. In based on personal experience, fact my attitude towards him is you will find the largest number of religious-minded people said, pity While by self-disciamong the so-called misers pline and self-culture he has escaped the hazards of a spendspantuality that inclines them to thrifts' life, he has missed a be frugal and austere or their great deal in life. He has missed the good things of life; good food and good drink and fine more than I can say But the clothes and gracious living are interests which I for one do not consider unworthy of a civilized human being Of course, mine is an extreme case. I am a martyr munificence of the usurers that to good food and drink and when I meet a fellow-epicurean I warm up to him as one does to a kindred spirit-I know his all the time they can spare from heart is in the right place. But speculation and money-grabb-there is more to it When the ing is devoted to prayer and balance is struck, the miser's appears to be a dull and cheerless life, devoid of companionship, of fun and frivolity which make life bearable. His selfsufficiency has pushed him to the point of isolation. He has from friends writes regularly for nover felt the rush of love and fellow-feeling through his veins; for servility, his meckness for squanders his resources on him- problems, and each time I have the fountain of his sympathy has dued up, cut off from the giveand-take of social intercourse, he tends to become unaccommodating, surely, intolerant, he has no resilience, no charity

I somehow do not fancy this these transcendental truths are kind of life, I may have made a mess of things but that way I have got much more out of ture like me. I am nonetheless life than the mere satisfaction of awed by his profound spiritual a fat bank balance could have intimations and feel fully con- given. And if I were to live vinced that to adopt towards over again, I'll not hesitate to the miser an attitude of derision make a bigger mess of my life.

S K. NARAIN



"How dare you lead me, a member of the syndicate, to this bath?"



Opposition parties are trying to form a united front (SVD) in UP says a report

The Girl Next Door

SIIE came in like a breath of out fresh air, or a whift of pertume, or a ray of sunshine, or, let us say, an unexpected cheque She had a large covered dish in her hands She gave it to Prema Prema thanked her with a smile She vanished

"Why, what's happened to vou?" Prema shrilled at me, depositing the dish on the studyroom desk.

"Er .er n-n-nothing, that is to say, nothing," I stuttered

"Your eyes are about to leave their moorings, and your tongue is trying to hang out, and your chest is heaving

"Who was she?"

"Ah so that's it"

"What's what?"

"You know what's what, Tinny's father," rasped Prema "And you old enough to be her iather!"

"Tinny's mother, what the devil do you mean?" I snapped

You just lost yourself in her that's what And you a married man and father of a grown up

You misunderstand me, Prema You always misunderstand me when a female, nine or nmety is in question I did consider her extraordinarily beautiful, but my interest in her was intellectual, purely intellectual,"

"Your eyes, a moment back threatened to shoot off then sockets, and your tongue was lolling out, and you panted like a number after a race.'

"But the origin of this physical reaction was, without any manner of doubt, mental Wish I had a daughter like her

'That's better, though I don't step I wish you had think you're honest."

'Always suspicious"

'Tustifiably "

"Who was she?"

"What's that to you?"

'Curiosity"

Purely intellectual?

Correct "

Wife of the Chartered Ac countant next door?

"Ah, that new arrival in the neighbourhood," I said "Recently married couple'

'Correct,' said Prema

So young, and so well-behav ed! That girl's properly trained Prema, as most girls today are not She knows how to live in society. She has social manners. She is well-versed in social give and take. That dish is the proof That's her way of establishing good neighbourly relations with us Prema she's taken the first

I did

You took the first step?"

I did Put that in your pipe and smoke it"

You know I don't smoke "

"Idiom To be taken figuratively not literally

'What did you do, Prema?"

'I sent her a bowl of fruit-salad yesterday

"That's the ticket. Now let's see what there is in that dish!

Prema took off the cover. A most divine aroma issued from the big sky-blue plate, threw my olfactories into ecstasies, excited my tastebuds, set off profuse salivation, tickled my drain, and thrilled my soul

"Supreme!" I gushed smacking my lips

Tolerable, said Piema "Just potato-vadas Common

'I call that the biggest understatement of the century, Pre-

"That's because you've been overpowered by that gul's looks, Truny's father

'Never smelt the like of that

dish It's something very special Let me have my portion, woman I am hungry

Prema went mo the kitchen. She came back with two small plates and two spoons. She handed me my plate with two potato-vadas in it. She had two for herself, She covered up the big plate I took my first morsel

"This is a gustatory beaven, Prema" I contrived to articulate

A bit overdone" said Prema

O delicious!"

"Too oily for me"

O divine!"

'And too much of salt" "Celestiall"

"The stuffing could have been better."

Now. now, now, Prema," I sported "You have become a fault-finder You are prejudiced against that poor gul for no reason that I can see This is an unreasonable, an unhealthy attitude Pull yourself up short You are having some sort of psychological trouble

"H'm!" responded with a wry face

"We must be able to recognize ment where we find it



The Akali-Jana Sangh differences over medium of instruction in the Punjab continue

'H'm!'

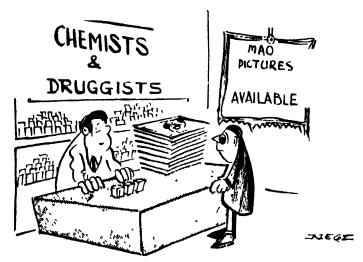
These potato-vadas are percontents of my plate

"Potato-vadas other women make are always perfect," said Prema

'II you cannot make such potato-vadas, and that girl can, Prema the proper thing for you to do is to come down from your high horse and learn potato-vadas from that girl'

"H'm!"

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"Lack of skill is forgivable, unwillingness to get rid of that lack of skill is culpable. To be hammered out the young man fect" And I polished off the ignorant is to be human, to be unteachable is to be subhuman

> "Tuny's father! Am I ignorant? Am I unteachable? Am I subhuman?

> "You cannot make such potato-vadas Tinny's mother

"You've lost yourself over your that little witch, man!

> "Now none of it, woman I want you to take your potato-vada instruction from that

Ill be blowed if I do"

You

"Oooo!

That last was from Prema switching on the water-works And there came an astounding echo of it The echo issued from the girl who'd stumbled in, followed by her husband, the young C. A.

"Oono!" cried the garl.

"Oooo!" cried Prema

"Oooo!" continued the girl.

"Stop it, sushama!" roared the CA.

"What's the matter?" I asked the young man.

"She's ignorant, untcachable, subhuman, that's the matter, "Your wife sent us a marvellous fruit-salad yesterday, and this Sushama does not know a fruit-salad from a hodge-podge, and wouldn't agree to learn it up from the lady here just had to drive her down to learn it, and learn it she shall!"

M A MAZMUDAR



Transition

THE Army, with its tradition- first day of super-annuation order or a registered letter must vacate the flat allotted to of its staff, runs special re- may never recover for the rest his turn comes, the clerk at the unkindest cut of all He was orientation courses for such of of his life. Retirement brings counter asks him to produce always complaining, and not its officers as come to the verge many jolts in much too quick a some "identification". He swal- without reason, about its of their service and become npe for retnement. In these, his last few days at the office, who he was officially till only PWD, but leaving it is a big they are prepared for other a number of well-meaning the last week and that his peon wrench. For similar accomjobs, such as of factory execu- colleagues and subordinates tell used to come to the post-office modation he would have to pay tives, security officers or per- him that they cannot imagine etc on his behalf but to no six to eight times as much in connel managers etc for which how, with the sudden removal avail their experience of handling from the scene of such an exmen and enforcing discipline is perionced officer like him, even before they retire, but let us not go into that)

anything to go by, one would converted from an official to mer office. It is a request for Short terminal pre retirement, say that every official, towards personal one by paying instal-the end of his career in gov- lation, rental and other charges and the 'rubber-stamp' of his haps be arranged and these ermnent employ, should be For others, the first hard blow prepared for the fateful day is dealt when a day or two when suddenly there would be after retirement, the telephone in the department and for to other offices, visits to the no office to go to, no people lines men arrive to disconnect some teason this makes him railway station to make renotings to record on files, no away along with the telephone certificates or testimonials as switching off of his telephone interminable consultations over directory. Days pass and notine copies and affixing signator unspecified periods, familities telephone, above all, no body from the office comes to tures to these with a flourish arisation visits to the rationing peons to do odd jobs for him - see him either to say 'hullo' or above the stamped designation office, electricity sub-station, such as encashing cheques at to seek his advice about any is one of the nunor privileges Accountant General's office, the bank, reserving tickets for thing Apparently, things can of being a gazetted officer out-patient departments of hoson the car

Unprepared as the average retiring civil official now is for the sudden change in life, the office himself for a money after the date of retirement, he

Some semor officials are entitled, on retirement, to get

He has to go to the post

al concern for the welfare brings a shock from which he There is a long queue. When him for residence. This is the succession for his comfort. In lows hard and tells the chap shoddy maintenance by the

Visiting the bank personally expected to stand in good things could possibly be carried he is surprised at the crowds stead. On the civil side no- on, This is very heart-warm- and the number of 'ordinary' thing of the kind is done, perhaps because of the feeling breezily, "Oh, I will be around, queue before the counter that at the age at which civilian you know If there is anything marked 'tokens' He misses employees retire they are not I can do to help with some old his old clerk who had 'nephews' likely to be of much use to or complicated case, don't hesi- in all offices and who used to self-importance, he somehow shybody. (Others might say tate to ask me Drop in or just that they are precious little use give me a ring" go behind the counters every-never prepares himself mentally whose and get things through for the change or realises its in a matter of minutes

If personal experience is the telephone at their residence official envelope from his forand the 'rubber-stamp' of his haps be arranged and these designation. The letter is could include practical exercises signed by the jumoi-most clerk such as carrying his own files waiting outside his door, no the instrument and take it wince. Attesting other people's servations, periodical surprise the cinema or paying road tax go on just as well without him. Now he has to go to others to pitals, and to some of the

In not more than two months

the open market.

It is not that retirement comes unexpectedly, in fact a person joining government service today knows the exact date when he will go out thirty or more years later but pre-occupied with work or with full implications. This is why something must be done by One slav he gets a yellow government to buffer the shock and make the transition easier which hurts his vanity quite a have his insurance and other crowded residential areas in bit papers etc 'certified' Delhi to see how unsubsidized tenants live

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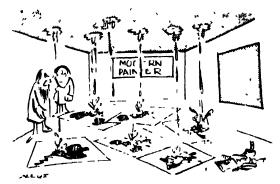
ONE EVENING BACK FROM HIS OFFICE AND TOLD US THAT HE HAD GOT A PROMOTION. 73WE WERE ALL VERY HAPPY.

THE NEXT DAY, MY MOTHER WENT TO VISIT HIM IN HIS NEW OFFICE. SHE SAW HIS NEW CABIN, HIS NEW DESK, HIS NEW TEA-TRAY, HIS NEW M3 ASH-TRAY AND HIS IEW SECRETARY.

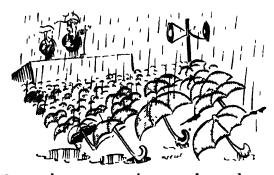
JTRANGELY ENOUGH, SHE CAME BACK HOME LOOKING VERY, VERY ANGRY.



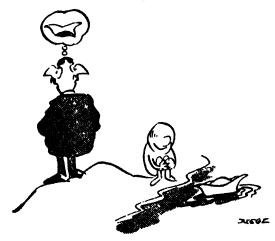
"We can't take action against the contractor because he is a minister's nephau



"I let the monsoon paint them and I sell them the rest of the year



"I am so happy so many have turned up to hear me undaunted by the rains"



BOURS

Paramountcy's Lapse?

B. N PANDEY. The break-up of British India. Macmillan., . Bombay and London, 1969 (pp xv1 + 246, Price 18s.)

of the book means "India He does not come out clearly under the British," not "British how this could have been done, India" as distinguished from the and his account is only sugges-Princely States Pandey's contive By Nehru not committing cern is the course of history of the famous faux pas over the the sub-continent that culmi- Cabinet Mission proposal? By nated in its partition. He poses the Congress proffering to share the questions well in the pre- power with the Muslim League face How did partition take as early as 1937? place? Was it inevitable? What was the share of the British in the responsibility for it? How did the idea of Pakistan receive swift currency? All questions, as yet imperfectly answered, which party of landlords and the Conare worth addressing ourselves

Pandey's story essentially commences at the turn of the century, though he peeps into two earlier periods also now and then, and it is an emmently readable narrative of the happenings up to partition But he breaks no fresh ground, his tale has been told earlier by others The author tells us of a seminar in London, the contributions at which 'have thrown new light on some facets of the subject," which presumably figure in his book Maybe he gained from the seminar but addition to one's knowledge does not necessarily make it addition to knowledge! Were he to sum up what is new in his book, Pandey would be hard put to it A book is apt to get away with what a re-search article may not

Pandey has a personal preference also in the matter, a united India, a preference that he should have got over as a scholar engaged in the serious business of writing history. Uniformly distributing brickbats is no substitute for looking into the subject with a cool mind. Thus there are brickbats to the British whose granting of communal electorates, Pandey feels, is the original sin which tore the sub-continent asunder To be fair, Pandey does not say the British created Muslim separatism in the first place, it is the Aligarh movement which did it If one is restricted to choosing between simple explanations, one might as well name Jinnah and sit back contented!

Whatever the explanation of the genesis of Muslim separatism, Pandey feels it could have

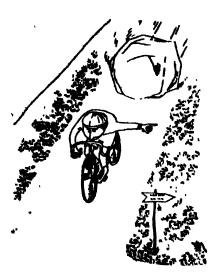
THE "Butish India" in the title been combated by the Congress.

That was Azad's view which Pandey rejects as having been born only out of hindsight (pp 146-7) Was not the League a gress one of land reforms, exclaims Pandey How thin was Congress radicalism was shown 4 by its reaction to the Liaquat Ali Khan budget in 1947 (pp 186-7). No, the theory of radicalism and conservatisin in economic policies does not explain the strife between the two parties that substantially represented the two waring communities. Jinuali might have played his cards well, Nehru and Candhi theirs ill, but Pandey des not convince that the substance of events, as distinguished from their timing and form, could have been delferent Only the nostalgia for a united India makes him feel that the parting of ways could have been prevented

And has not partition done any good? In place of anarchic strife and animosities between the two communities, the exercise of sovereign power is much less irresponsible because of the restraint placed by colder calculations of power and by the comity of nations. The problem of minorities is of course there in either country, but if the irrational among the majority of each expects their government to be possed against the other country, a similar element in the minority expects the other country to wage its war, a war we all know cannot be waged. Someone might feel sad that the present stability is based on so much illusion But illusion is not as far removed from sanity as would have been the insanity that would have enveloped the sub-continent if anything less than partition, like the Cabinet Mission gammick, was accepted in 1947

Sanjay

Jokes from abroad



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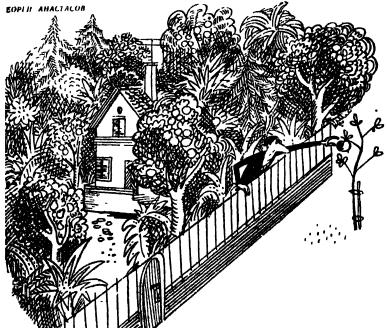
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NOEL Coward's off-the-cuft bubbled on the froth of its comedy is not the straight own insecurity barrel of laughs it was played to be Christina Street's pro- Pryune was patently miscast, duction for the UK, High Com- for although she has a fairly mission ADC was bottled beer telling range of expression, her where it should have been voice gabbles on at a pitch champagne

the brilliant, witty lines is a and present lover, gambolled tonal theme of mood. But it his way through with clumping needs a sensitive ear to catch insensitivity. Sue Weait, as its many aspects — tender, nostalgie sentimental, burles Timothy George as Victor que and self-mocking — that Prynne only sidled close to his edge then way between the banal situation of the plot

role in appearance and manner
All the actors remained sus-

It cannot do without an affectionate audience to savour the inflectious, it cannot do without a producer who is enamoured by the depa-vu quality of the play

on addressing theniselves to

Sushma Seth as Amanda which is hard to take Elyot Under the chromatic scale of Chase, her one time husband

pended in their own little parts, sans interplay, which is the SINATRA has had this predifault of poor direction Heavto the classy sophistication of The actors simply missed out it so outstanding of its kind

each other's playing, and thus costumes uninspired, the make in creating the necessary at- up all wrong for a 'thirties mosphere of incestious involve- look. The telephone bell had ment. It is an involvement a modern ring. Where imagiwhich should be sophisticated nation should have been allow- the gay world - queers, trans- its production seems to have and blase, of a reckless large- ed to run not the overall con- vestites and their pathetic man- sleep-walked through it. Rating generation which cept was pedestrian and safe nerisms and mores "Lady in B Minus minus.



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"Lady in Cement"

lection for playing a tough, ing blocks of conversation at mean private eye and in Tony each other, they were unmune Rome he has created a charac-

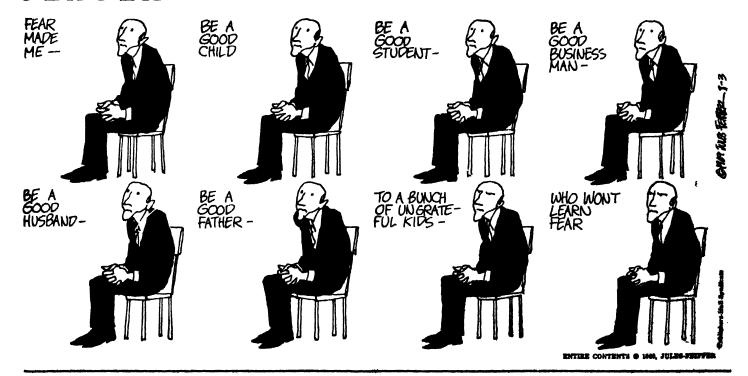
tiensent again has this. knife turning into homosexuals. Nasty, whimpering, mincing things.

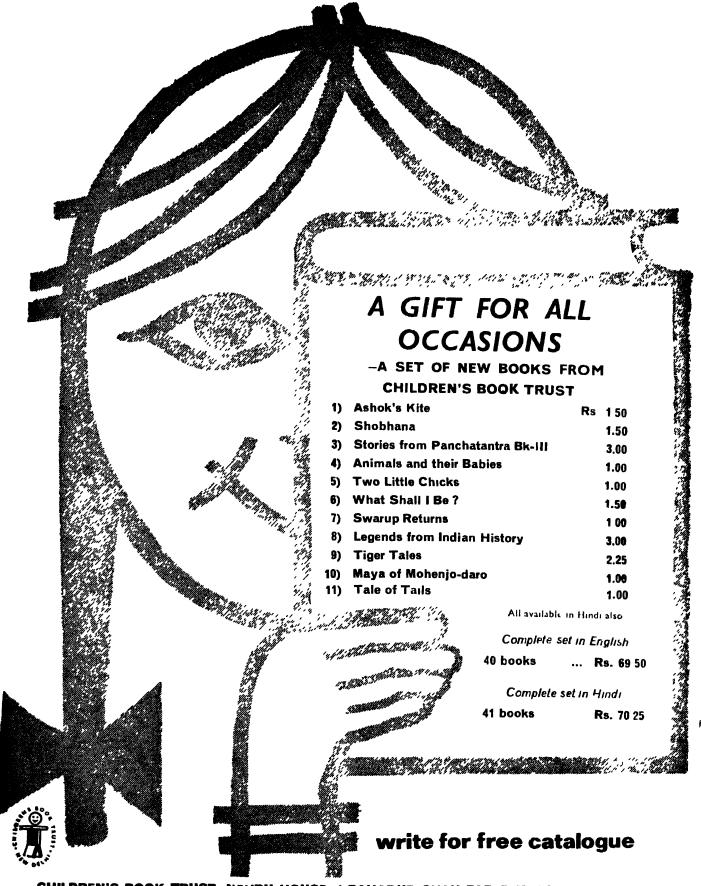
Perhaps it just makes our anti-hero feel bigger and more hirsute Sinatra, the wind blowing through his toupe, messes his way around an incomprehensible plot which centres around a nude embedded in a block of cement. The logical follow up would be, one would have thought, to ask how the sharks let her alone

Smatra is wooed by some overblown, larger-than-life characters in the shape of Raquel Welch and Dan Blocker intimidating physical hunks both of them-and as a corollary to our thesis, they provide a boost in more ways than one.

There are a few half-hearted ter who has lost out in personal attempts at wit (a Sinatra song this period piece which makes happiness ("Detective") but playing in the background of a it so outstanding of its kind who always has the winning cafe, a nude posing for an The sets were boing, the cards when a murder has to be artist who keeps intoning, costumes uninspired, the make solved "Armie can I go to the john?") but nothing, absolutely no"Detective' was a sick movie, thing, which can save this
with an obsessive dissection of movie Everyone involved in

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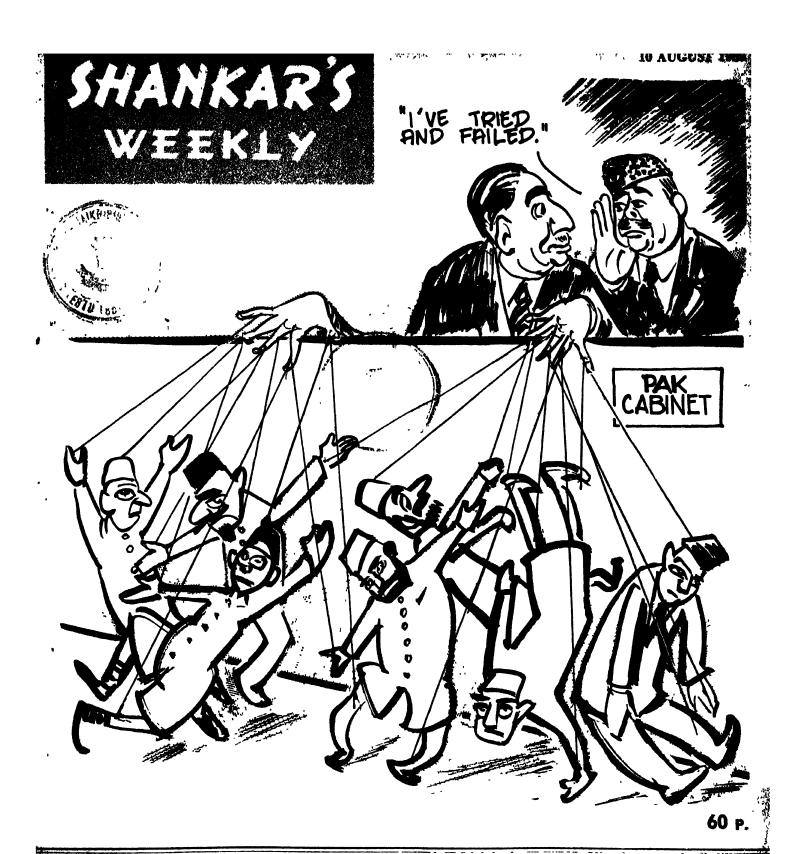
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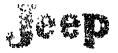
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FREE THINKING

THE United States obviously has not worked out a new policy for Asia yet. It has only given up the earlier one. Nor can the US have a credible policy for this continent until she rationalises her relations with China As a preliminary to arriving at any understanding with China, the US must be willing to dismantle its base in Taiwan. This is the minimum that China will insist before any step for a detente is undertaken. The United States cannot in the present circumstances discard its old chent, Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek

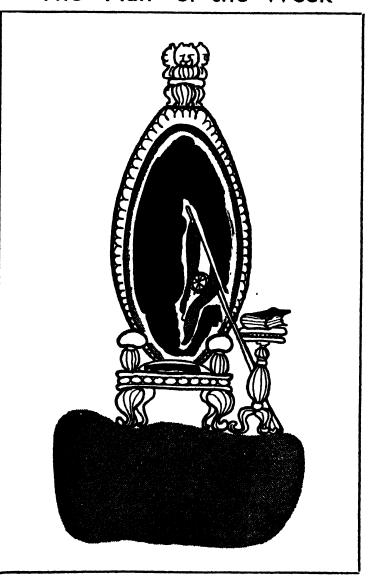
In the meantime several things are likely to take place China will have become a ranking nuclear power by the middle seventics. The border differences between that country and the Soviet Union by that time has either to be resolved peacefully or erupt in war. But the Soviet Union must have drawn the lesson that the Americans have learnt at painful cost—that to get involved in a land war with China is to commit suicide. The assumption must be made that the Soviet Union and China will settle their border problems amicably. The possibility is that China then will emerge as a super-power in her own right, wielding considerable political importance in various parts of the world. This may be unpalatable to some people but political realists have to take that into account in any consideration of the future of Asia.

It is with this perspective in mind that India and other countries must frame their policies. Mrs. India Gandhi was grasped the elements of the situation and her suggestion for international guarantees for India and bordering countries is a sound one. No Asian nation can go on the assumption that China will be permanently hostile. Any attempt by anybody to organise a para-military regional apparatus should be firmly resisted because that would be inviting trouble. The best guarantee of internal stability is a government that is responsive to the aspirations of the people and builds the economy in such a manner that every man and woman becomes a participant in the process of national growth

The Prime Minister has aroused this expectancy in the minds of the people by her recent decision to make structural changes in the economy. After many years of political stagnation, the people feel a new impetus, a heightened sense of urgency. Mr. Nixon and Mr. Brezhnev may mean well when they ask Asian nations to co-operate. But that co-operation can be meaningful only if each State in the region is strong by itself. Our talk of self-reliance with one eye on the World Bank and the US House of Congress has made us relax. Success often goes to those who dare and act, Jawaharlal Nehru used to say. Mrs. Gandhi has dared. Now, will she act?

The 'Man' of the Week

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PLEASE TURN OVER FOR PEN PORTRAIT

The 'Man' of the Week

THE Presidency is the high-est authority of the state, the symbol of national cohesion and the expression of the sovereign will of the people The slightest partisan or sectarian deviation will deprive the office of the sanction that has created it To reduce it into a factor in the factional equation is to do incalculable harm to polity, to all the democratic beliefs and concepts that we have learnt painfully over the past two decades

Presidential power in the Indian system is a restricted quantity That does not make the Presidency a purely ornamental institution. The President's powers are for closing rifts healing political fractuies, providing the government of the day an extra dimension that surmounts the confines of bigotry and narrowness. Beyond the political rigidities, there are certain national objectives which party governments often fall to set It is the Presuent's duty to correct this failure

This must have been the teason why Mrs Indira Gandhi had insisted on consulting the various opposition groups before selecting the Presidential candidate. Her moves were rendered ineffective by the exigencies of the factional situation inside the Congress Party The Presidential election this time therefore must give some anxiety to those who have a proper regard for

the integrity of this country. The three candidates who have presented themselves before the electoral college are all men who have had distinguished records in public service Their credentials must not be questioned on any ground other than whether they are sufficiently equipped, intellectually and emotionally, to overcome the pull of poli tical alignments. Those who have served in areas where the deepest political passions are aroused are obviously un suited for this particular of-

The electoral college has an unenviable task before it. It will be held responsible for any consequence that may follow, even fortuitously, the election of the President. The best that members of the electoral college can do in the circumstances is to try to forget for the period of the election that they are members of this political party or that and vote according to their conscience In portentous matters like this, it is best to be selfreliant

Open letter to the Syndicate

My dear Syndicate

I know you don't exist You have said so yourself. This is an magnary body thought up by enterprising pressmen That's fine But like the "maya" of the Advaita school, you are a useful concept. If you are not there, you have to be invented. Therefore for the moment we will assume you are a concrete body, even it your other parts like lumbs and a head are absent

fast congratulate you on being a member of the Congress Party efforts. It is a vast amorphous organisation including prince and pauper, boss and idealist, black money operator and redhot socialist. You can work under cover here, for you need 100m You are not exactly slim, arrive you are safe But you you know Now what is the Conmust be useful, too You have came a part of the government That shows it has a fine sense of much unrest in other areas

Congress Party First the Reds vantage What remains is the to mention other sources Wages essence. That is how it should went up, prices down have been but for you-know-

Syndicate, why did you keep so schools, politicians which active them? Stucy you are not one stop? This is the authentic a coward, Syndicate? I refuse red road leading straight to the should be factual and not incan have the emotion of fear

Even when he sacked some of your slogans thunderous This was the precious that yellow hun moment which you passed by Oh yes, I know what you for mexplicable reasons. The have in mind We can operate Press was with you, business from without and wreck every was with you, the various international agencies which count mbs and a head are absent were behind you but you let My dear Syndicate, I must them all down by keeping a mum. And that is the point of my second complaint Why That is the best vehicle for your have you let Moraribhai down?

Many people ask, is the Syudicate cracking? I am not one can be cracked like that. You are the Medusa's head and until Perseus and his shining shield gress? It is a party which pri- to stand by your friends if you marily seeks to perpetuate in are to be trusted. To make power all those who were in Moraijibhai say that he was power all those who were in Moraijibliai say that he was power before the Congress be- let down is bad propaganda for you, my dear Syndicate

You have now to gird up your tradition, a lovalty to the past long and get to the job You that must warm the cockles of know what the nationalisation the heart of people who see so of banks means to the people of this country. Famine and misery, Within such a party, however, civil war, epidemic, eyelones there are stray, alien elements and earthquakes, population exas you know, Syndicate. Infil- plosion, drought and flood-these tration is a well-known political will now be the lot of the peogame, Syndicate, and you have ple All these years we have got done your duty nobly by recog- on without bank naitonalisation nising it and pointing out the We got on fine We never touchfact to the world You remem- ed the classes with property beber, Syndicate, how in the old cause we will not reject dhardays, all sorts of Reds, Pinks ma' We will leave land in the and plain Yellows were in the hands of traditional landlords The result was excellent PL 480 were weeded out. The Pinks and foodgrains brought here by you, later the Yellows went out by Syndicate, and excellent loans themselves, much to your ad- from the IMF, IDP and WB, not

And now along comes bank who, the man who started plan- nationalisation. This will dening and was friendly to Khrush- prive people of their directorchev, had started bhai-bhai and ships a sin that is like the killinsumated Krishna Menon into ing of a brahmin in Vedic times. the counsels of the government. But it is not going to end there That is where I have to regis- Banks have been nationalised ter my first complaint Dear What next? Land, houses, Syndicate, why did you keep so schools, politicians? Where does

to wait for the Chinese to your light under a bushel Let

you under what is known as the battle be joined. Did somethe Kamaraj Plan (can you body say that bank nationalisatrust him, Syndicate) you did tion was only a small step and not ask questions, you did not that some big steps are yet to make statements, you did not come? Well, are you keeping thrust unwanted candidates on quiet Syndicate, your can't be

thing. But, Syndicate, have you observed someone latel asking for the unstant abolition of privy purses, someone who is near to you? That's the way the wind blows It starts as a lark but soon you yourself will be asking for nationalising this and taking over that, God knowse of those who believe that you some of you have already jumped on the nationalisation wa-

> This is the hour of danger More and more people are going to out-Herod Herod If this sort of thing goes on at New Delhi, then Calcutta and Trivandium will soon be nationalising human beings as in China

> We rely on you, Syndicate, to break open the Congress, escape into the open air, ally yourself with men whom you can trust and take home to dinner, and boldly challenge this kind of Red lavings You have with you the Press, the journals, international opinion, the John Buch Society, the Ku Klux Klan and many other respectable organizations. And there is Morari bhai waiting Will you not bestir yourself, Syndicate

In hope you will,

AGASTYA'

Odd Signs-

On a first class compartment of Calcutta Trams:

> Reserved for first class ladies only.

Shop sign from Lucknow. Radios and Transistors with

Built-in German Know How.

Take the country into confi, vented and should as far as Other people, yes, but not the dence, Syndicate. Speak out possible be in facsimile. Senders Syndicate Why did you have loud and bold. Do not hide will receive two consecution issues of the Weekly for every attack to get at you-know-who? your speeches be harangues, item published.-Ed., S.W.

Force of habit



Mis Gandhi has asked Congress dissenters to express their views against the party's objectives openly

The Police Story

THE police are the ones to rejected the theory that a dog must not give any political coimpossible to get at the truth where the scent gets lost

to keep four pedigreed Alsatian dogs. (Why the pedigree, one might ask. But since there has ters who can afford to feed four preposterous. brutes on surplus value.) He is particularly attached to the tish way, but in a revolutionary was overheard to have said "We unlike, in what specific respect Bengali-Anglophile way. Also, must be unfair to the United unlike, is not known. But they the Minister is known to have Front Governments, but we are unlike

clear up mysterics, so when is (a) the master's private proper- lour to hydrophobia. there is something mysterious ty, (b) that he defends the masabout any occurrence involving ter's private property against na the police, it becomes almost tionalisation and similar anti-syn-called on the CPI office and the dicate measures of the bourgeois- Peace Council's headquarters to Acting on newspaper reports democratic Revolution and (c) explain his position, elaborately people bias which showed in and sundry comments one tra- that he has to be someone or apologetic about his unfamiliaces it all up to a point, say up other's running dog. His four 11ty with canno lore. He called undertook to the entrance to the barracks, dogs have been used to promote I P. Pavlov immortal, as immorthe solidarity of the working tal as Che, and reaffirmed his The thought of the scent re- smdc comments on the kennel, whereupon the breach was healminds us Police Minister Jyon suggesting that they were some ed and he was assured of his Basu of West Bengal is known super-police dogs interfering in place in the Tashkent sun the normal trails of law.

been so much debate over Ly- And when a regular police dog terfered with justice. They are senko and Michurin, and since died of distemper in Calcutta, not even barking dogs, nor do our communists, the Marxists a Young Turk in New Delhi sug- they bite, but are merely evo particularly, won't be fashioned gested that the dog had actual- lutionary dogs, which means by Moscow any longer, we can't ly contracted rables from in- they love to snuggle on good let the classical communist view doctrination Even Mi Nijalinga- carpets, enjoy good dog feed of heredity inhibit CPM Minis- ppa thought the insimuation without contending sterilely for

The Young Turk, in panie, people Yet, New Delhi has made faith in conditioned reflexes,

The fact is, the Deputy Chief Which was terribly unfair Minister's dogs have never inbones, would have regular baths with bath salts and dog cosme-"We must keep things sepa- ties But they are terribly unlike dogs, not in the imperialist Bri- rate," the Congress President modern revisionist dogs How

The police dogs currently serving were recruited by the corrupt Congress regime By the colerie rule, to be exact Their backgrounds, their class origins and so on gave them an antithe countless investigations they

Basu, in one of his most niemo table addresses to the Kennel Club, had said, 'We shall no longer allow dogs to play that role They shall not snift after the working people, but shall scent out the hoarder, the blackmarketeer, the CIA

A listence interrupted, "Sir, what about the Naxabites? Will you contemplate letting the police dogs on them (not to speak of water hoses) following the example of a friendly country, the USAP"

The Minister reddened

"That," he barked (some say he snapped) back, "is an inter-

Shankar's Weekly 10 August 1969 have to be fought not with the is even more complicated. All police, but politically."

ed that Basu would use his personal dogs to bring the Naxaendless trouble for the Deputy that the present inspectorate-Chief Minister The deployment general is on stable foundations, police kennel, perhaps an outprospects better

All this is a sad illustration of

the constituents of the United Front, and the further multitical fight was going to look reported to be trying to build like, but it was generally believ- their own faction within the pohee force Thus the police is no longer a united force. It is splittlites to book. New Delli was ing at the seams, though the Insof personal dogs was irregular, that it has the will of the peowhen the Deputy Chief Minisbreakdown of the Constitution began sobbing inspite of Miss nism itselt New Delhi relishes fewer Abha. Maiti's reassuring pre-

Front, and the further multi- Shastri or Balraj Madhok, were puda No one knew what the poli- ples of their inner factions, are the policemen really. Chinese way and Indian faces?

But then Madhok might have been forced to recant almost jubilant, because it visualised pector General keeps maintaining immediately. If for a moment he rampage in protest against the UF Government, then his supthe second preference, Israel-

Madhok's lot The CPM, faced But to be pro or anti, that is with the recalcitrance of police-EMS Namboodiripad comment it, with the Bangalore resolution drawn from the class enemy, has ted, 'The entire issue is a mat-tion on toppling, or are they, in been thrown into ideological all Nobody is wicking the way, with the United Front have come from the campus of final victory, the Party creates a Constitution from within It is a Was the attack on the Assemtiate Calcutta university. Long full police state typical stunt of capitalism to bly really an attack on Erskine haired youngsters synthesising give a dog a bad name and May Was it an attack by CPM Mao, Marcuse, the pill and pot added, 'Letting the sleeping phile Politbureau which, for geet) have suggested that work-tion between manual work and dog be hang it And A K Gopalan rank-and-filers on their Anglo- (and of course Rabindra San- them, "will abolish the distincsentimental and old school tie ers after all are reactionary- Intelligence work' Well, that much for the dogs May's Parhamentary Practice? against de Gaulle last May?

nal political problem. It will The situation among the humans. Or were the policemen disguist, "We alone can provide the core ed Naxalites, Or, if we might of the revolution," said one just ghost a question for Prakash Vir back from Cambridge after repudiating his examination mid-"We-and that includes wearing Indian police tunics Comrade Jyoti Basu whose background and extraction are non-proletarian and honce revolutionary

The Deputy Chief Minister telt that the policemen were on himself is tackling the problem m depth. He is trying desperately to alienate the Young IPS' and one pregularity was bound ple behind, and that-it won't port to the policemen would alsofficers, who somehow feel to lead to another, culminating fall New Delhi feels the police most become compulsive. The drawn to his unsmiling face, in general discontent in the is cracking up, which was why policemen, Sanjiva Reddy on which a police officer would give anything to wear Basu would break of rabies an outbreak of ter raised his voice in his cham- all have to be supported in the appeal to policemen to bide ticks at least, and in the end the ber the gusly police agricultures grand struggle against commutation their time. The CPM was functioning under the limitations of a hourgeois constitution, he This confusion is not just would tell them The Party will' usher in communism nonviolently but unlike the modern revisiothe terrible side-tracking of real New Delhi's problem Are the men of working class origin and nists, which meant through the problem, of real debate. As policemen with the Constitution, the compliance of IPS men use of militant words like they use in the police battalions for purposes of command Policemen ter of Plan allocations, after some involved and cathartic confusion. Answers, however, will be liberated, when after the

"Communism," he promised

CACTUS



Clean-up Campaign



Mr Nitalingama says he has set himself the task of "removing misunderstandings"

History makes you

rthat led to the nationalisation of the fourteen Indian commercial banks. As will be recalled, the first instalment attention of the fourteen instalment at the supply it is not we who make the first instalment attention. It is that history is many that they be above phosphate meant for the palace that the first instalment at the first insta human actions as part of historical movements.

It is axiomatic in such an analysis that history in the ma-

THE Indian Institue of Very king assumes a certain autono minal work on British history you may ask? Well, throw your Private Opinion is presenting mous character and often works, 1066 and All That It makes mind back and you will see that the promised second instalment as a consequence, independent- the point that the Roman con- before Caesai could say "et tu of its appraisal of the events ly of the motivation of those quest of Britain had an almost Brute"-the expression was first pted to fit all the available king use of us. Though this is suspicion, went into the Ro- gardens-he was putting up facts into a hypothesis of Graduated Escalatory Responses
history, scholarly candour comby the opposing power clusters. The second instalment atthe proposition is contested the proposition is contested the proposition is contested to the proposition of tempts to find a valid syndro-me that will explain the events in terms of impersonal historians of impersonal historians are the proposition is contested the world in the wo cal forces In other words, the fallacy of man being a master thought that since he was se-Roman roads which had incalfirst analysis was in terms of of destiny This may well be ven months behind in the pay culable and undicamt of conse-the conscious motivation of the so, though this does not mean and allowances of the men he quences opposing power clusters and that all that has happened to may as well take them to Britheir calculations. The complementary analysis about to be presented will be in terms of make a mere syllogistic point believe their ears and shouted, Chesterton, these roads were to but would adduce decisive his-hail Caesar, and packed up be used by the recling English torical evidence to support its their knapsack

drunkards-drunk no doubt on the same army rum- to roll in, So far so good. Where is the But this is nothing to what hap-Take first, that great and se- autonomous character of history, pened later. They became the



You had better get rid of yours so that the tourists may be attracted by ours. ?

interies of commerce and trade, losophic point of some import-What requires greater enter-history rise and what involves a higher legree of risk taking than pickip a ferro-alloy plant

and a pride to the principles of ance that should not be called ree enterprise so dear to the into question later. So, if we are hearts of the stalwarts of the agreed that our actions are of-Swatantra Party. Indeed, under ten used by history for its own the Stuarts-vide another famous devious purposes, and that Cho, historian Thomas Babington the Muse of history, is both a Macaulay-these roads became wayward and cunning hussy, he seene of action of the great-then, the actions that preceded est exemplais of the freest of bank nationalisation can be exenterprises - the highwaymen plained in terms of autonomous

Judged in these terms, the ng pockets or staging a hold HVPO is convinced that the ip? Why, the organisation the events that we shall compendiatter calls for will beat any- ously refer to as the Great Coup affairs of men. The nationalisa- pregnant historical significance bing that is required in putting -more for convenience than be- tion of banks is the first great hes hidden in their acts. Julius

to the coincidence of Mrs Gan; tre all these years, is now defi-American astronauts were colo- significance of the coup. nising the moon Yes, there is no doubt that future historians, this important IIVPO document cal argument the IIVPO had will compare the Great Coup developed earlier was that con-

dhi's earth-shaking actions hap nitely moving about 1.25 millipening on the same day as the metres to the left. This is the

The evidence? Well, The with the help of hindsight and whole thrust of the philosophiwith decisive tide-turning in the temporaries will not know what



"The only grouse we get comes from tourists who complain

cause it is accurate - constitute movement of icebergs that sig- Caesar, IIVPO argued, did not nothing less than a great geolo nifies a definite shift towards know what he was doing It re-IIVPO is sorry about this gical shift. The IIVPO is not be- the left of centre. The Con-quired Mellors to explain what

ong digression, but it is a phi- ing superstitious when it points gress, a party of the dead cen- he did unconsciously as a tool of history So, in strict logic, HVPO is not obliged to provide any basis for my assertion. Still, I can quote Mrs Gandhi herself. in support Did she not say that no leader in this country can long survive if he or she does not have a lef-of-centre image? And since none of us have the slightest doubt about Mrs. Gandhi's determination-and let us add in awe, capacity-to survive, the IIVPO would suggest that the historical significance of the shift is leftward. The IIVPO is perfectly aware that it might be accused of a certain logical inconsistency in quoting Mrs Candhi in support of this theory even while maintaining that men are unknowing instruments of history. But would you consider the IIVPO very frivolous if it reposted that a woman always knows?



"Now you will hear the recording of a stone-throwing performance."

JASON



Programmes within the frame work of the 4th Plan will be employment-oriented - Report

Should they prefer only one

going on increasing as the for a second date of election is approaching. When someone entered our said with a smile. Of course it apartment the other day, our has, and it would stay, at least mind was so preoccupied that until the visitor leaves we couldn't at once make out is that wormes you?" she asked who it was.

could see someone moving in ed something on the French or with poise and grace, but we American lines We refer to the couldn't still recognize the per- presidential election" we exson.

"Hello," repeated the voice, this time sweetly Ohl it was she said in a benevolent way that beautiful young lady who that terribly hurts Little does borrowed our copy of the Constitution, she has obviously come 'take! to return it. We jumped up and welcomed her heartily.

"So you don't even recognize me," she said rather hurt, settling down, rather reluc- 'Your of tently. What amends could a whit!" we make for this colossal lapse!

clearing our throat. "We were constitutional expert you no

"I hope it has returned," she "What

"Maybe we should have fore-"Hello," said a soft voice. We seen these difficulties and adoptplamed

> "Still worried about that one?" she realize that democracy is at

"You know," we expatiated in seriousness, "the election may end in a draw, because...

The young lady cut us short. Your cleverness has not abated

"We are pretty serious," we "It is like this," we stammered added rather desperately. "As a so much worried about the na- doubt are familiar with the pro- bc.. oh! I get your point!"

OUR presidential worries are tion that our mind was away cedure of the presidential elec-

The compliment did the trick "Of course" I do," she replied The transferable vote Do you want to know the precise way it is done?

"We are dying to hear it from

"It is simple" she cooed "If no one gets the majority in the count of first preferences, the one below the rest gets eliminated and his second preference votes are transferred to the appropriate candidates The process of elimination goes on until one gets majority'

"That we think is a succinct statement of the adumbrated and joined the mirth. procedure But now comes the problem Is there any obligation let you know," she added getton the part of the electors to cast their second preference? And what happens, if they don't?"

"Well, there does not seem to

"It is a pleasure to have someone who gets our point so swiftly?

The young lady's face became quizzical with beauty enhanced as it can only when that face is quizzical (we know the pundits won't approve of our conception of beauty!) "It seems to be an important question," she agreed, but suddenly she became a little suspicious "Or is it one of your fast ones?"

We swear we spent a couple of sleepless nights on this."

"That you have lost sleep, I do not deny," she laughed heartily, "but the question is on what?"

We shrugged our shoulders

"I will look into the books and ing up "In the meantime, here is your Constitution." No doubt whatever her answer, it would be worthy

SANJAY

Democracy in Action

not out of the way, the Mem- what they did) bers have, however, been able you

to reestablish conventional Ranga was devastatingly sarcaspostures in no time thanks to tie towards. Mr. Chavan for the policemen who ransacked giving the House the informathe West Bengal Assembly on 31 tion which he had got from the July. The political overtones of State Government. The Acharya the discussion in both Houses wanted to know if the Umon Basu spoke, during the week recalled car- Home Minister's job was that her lambasting of the United of a postinan Disappointment the other House, Mr. Raj ever Mr. Government for its omis over Mr. Chavan's statement Naram gave definitions of sions and commissions from was expressed by Mr. Vajpayee liberty and socialism and quotgheraos to 'Rabindiasarobar,' also The Jana Sangh expectalaw and order and what have tions received another setback when Mr Chavan failed to res-Some Congress, Jana Sangh pond to the suggestion to disand Swatautia members would miss the UF government and not rule out a conspiracy (of the said that hon members should ruling CPM) to "wreck" the not talk so lightly about dis-Constitution by letting the po-lice into the "temple of demo-Neither the Swatantra nor the cracy,' though Mi Jvoti Basu Jana Sangh would, however, go himself and Mr Bhupesh so far as Mr, Madhu Limayo Gupta and Mr A. P Chatter of the SSP would Mr Lunayo jee and others of the United charged that Mr. Jyon Basu Front may charge that the po- was talking the language of lice demonstration was Cong- Mr Chavan Raising "funda-gress-inspired The statement mental questions" of trade of Miss Abha Maiti cited by union rights of policemen, the Mr K N Tiwari (Lok Sabha), socialist leader said West Gerand Mr R C Doogai (Rajya many and Israel permitted Sabha), both Congress members were to rebut this charge. The Swatantia leader Mr Da pening here? Undauntial by Israel saw in the episode of the P K Vasudevan Nair's that the SSE leads "a plan to subvert the establish- interjection that the SSP leaa plan to subvert the established government which is the Navalite attitude." At any rate, in the non-Communist non-UF view, the blame for the nucleus, the blame for the nucleus, the blame for the nucleus, the blame for the policemen's rampage was to be here to the policements of the policements. The stable is the stable in the policements of the policements of the policements of the policements. The stable is the stable in the policements of the condemned (By the way, we and Mr Jyoti Basu have a realmost forgot to mention that actionary outlook on the issue,

controversy entirely condemned the policemen for Israeli governments. The Home on a charpoy. Minister appeared to fail to In the Lower House, Acharya appreciate these arguments and was even uncharitable to suggest that Mr Madhu Limaye, if he became a Home Minister, would speak the same language as he and Mr. Jyoti

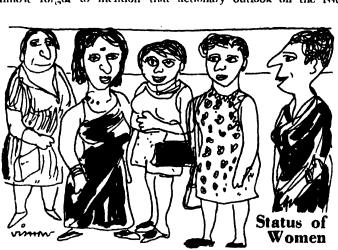
> Mr Limave's counterpart in ed Mr Ramanand Tiwari, (earstwhile SSP Minister and Police leader in Bihar) to tell the House that it was the CPM elements in the police force that had encouraged the police procession in Calcutta to enter the Assembly chambers And, suce Mr Jyoti Basu himself has admitted "administrative failure," the Chief Minister should now take the Home portfolio away from him and give it to somebody else.

Mr Mohan Dharia while condemning the police behaviour, called for all progressive forces to tally against Reaction. Mr Dharia was deeply con-cerned about "anti-national" elements and pointed to the dauger which comes from the CPM philosophy of "wrecking" the Constitution. The Home Ministry should be vigilant, he cautioned He invited Mr. Bhupesh Gupta's ire, who not only put the blame squarely on the Congress and insisted there was a conspiracy, but said the Young Turk" member had become a "Young Chavan" more alarming situation was visualised by Mr. Dahyabhai Patel who made no secret of his apprehensions about Navalites cutting off Assam and Nagaland from the rest of the day saved an embarrassing country "Bengal is going moment for Mr. Raghuramatah, under," the Swatantra leader Sections of the Opposition warned in his immitable style went all out to attack the proadding that the Central Government should take note of it. He conceded that "it is possible that some policemen went parently has no great worry beyond the limits and went into that the measure would prove sible that some policemen went the Assembly." But then the policemen were provoked "suffering from all sides and not being allowed to do their duty." Like Congress members he too House and the lobby, 99.9 per felt that the police in West Ben- cent of the Members are in gal has been humiliated-he re- favour of the Bill." counted the story of how some policemen were made to carry

WITH the banks nationalisa, all sections of the House have unlike the West German and a MLA and his friend six miles

Suggestions put forward in the debates have varied from sending a Parliamentary delegation to West Bengal to appointing a Supreme Court judge to enquire into the incident The governmet, how-ever, appeared to have their own idea about the situation. Both Mr. Chavan and Mr. Shukla have refused to get involved with the UF government in a controversy over the policemen's rampage, whatever may be the attitude of some Congress party members.

Meanwhile, the week also saw in the Lok Sabha animated discussion on the Bill to amend the Salaries and Allowances of Members of Parliament Act. In spite of the Minister for Parliamentary Affairs Mr Raghuramiah's appeal to Opposition members not to make political capital out of the controvertial provisions of the Bill, eventually it was the op-position by a Congress member Mr. Sonavane that led to the dropping of the proposal to allow MPs to travel by air anywhere in the country by paying the differences between the air fare and first class fare. Mr Sonavane carried the House by his argument that this provision will really benefit only rich people. "Because, we Members of parliament, who come from low-income groups, will not be able to take advantage of this." But the effort on Wednesday to revive the clause revealed that several Congress members were having second thoughts. Mr. Masani's motion to adjourn the debate on the Bill till Thursvision to raise the daily allowance of MPs from Rs. 31 to 51 But Mr Raghuramaiah apunpopular among the MPs. He declared. "Sir, I can speak truly and truthfully, that taking into account both the



"Discussing men all the time, we've forgotten what we met here for!"

ABSENTEE GALLERYMAN

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As already reported in the Press, Swatantra M.P. Professor Ranga took the Government to task for includging in this avoidable huge expenditure He thought that there were many sophisticated State-owned laboratories which could undertake the needful.

"Usually reliable sources" claim that an unfortunate interministerial paper war precipitated the establishment of the Bharat Moon Dust Ltd. The inner story goes like this.

The Cabinet committee for sentific affairs wanted the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research to do the job

it was its decided policy to en- P.M.'s Secretariat, it should courage applied research which look after the proposed research

PHARAT Moon Dust Ltd. could give a fillip to the induswould be the latest addition tries. The research on moon's existing public sector undertak- fundamental nature which did mgs. not interest the Council It, however, suggested that probab-It may be recalled that Presi- ly the Detence Ministry could

> Then, the ball was thrown in the court of the Defence Minis-

The Defence Ministry was quick to point out that lunar soil as such did not pose any danger to India's security. Of course, the nuclear war-heads of the Super-Powers established on the moon could concern India in the distant future But for that matter the description of lunar surface available in the Higher Secondary text books would suf-

On second thoughts, the Cabichanges in the lunar surface affect the minds of a sections of people, loosely termed as poets It was clearly a law and order problem

Hence the Home Ministry was sounded for the research work

The Home Ministry argued that the law and order of West Bengal and Naxalbari troubles priority Its hands were already and coarse rice-the food of the peaceful purposes only problem public in those areas

The C.S.I.R. contended that F I section was attached to the surance.



"It is the supervisor So keeps shouting at the other computers

PM's Secretariat Mrs Can- the usually talking sources dhi cylibited wonderful memory would not give) "And why not even in the days of such a great seek the help of the American political turmoil Recollecting Space Agency itself? Surely they at once that there is an Atomic are morally bound to solve the Energy Commission, net committee realized that the Chairman she was, she wrote a DO to Di Vikram Saiabhai to analyse the expected rock piece

But thanks to the deep-root- hant solution earlier ed democracy of India, the Deputy Chairman clarified that the Commission was committed to quested for guidance in the re-Peace, and not to any unearth- search work. It at once beeply piece However, in deference beeped to India its willingness on to her wishes he assured her its hypersensitive communication that the Commission could do system India's high-powered in various places were on its the needful, it Government as- cranes tailed to pick up the sigsured it in writing that Ame- nals. The Agency then sent its full with the researches on fish rica's moon mission was for consent on conventional post

The Prime Minister then call-At any rate, concluded the ed the meeting of the whole the USA, Bharat Moon Dust Ministry, Foreign Intelligence Cabinet The majority hesitated Ltd came into being and is was no longer with it. As the to give such an unqualified as- waiting for the railway receipt

A bright idea then occurred to

So the matter reached the a Senior Minister (whose name whose problems which they create?

> And the rest of the Cabinet wondered in silence as to why they did not hit upon the brd-

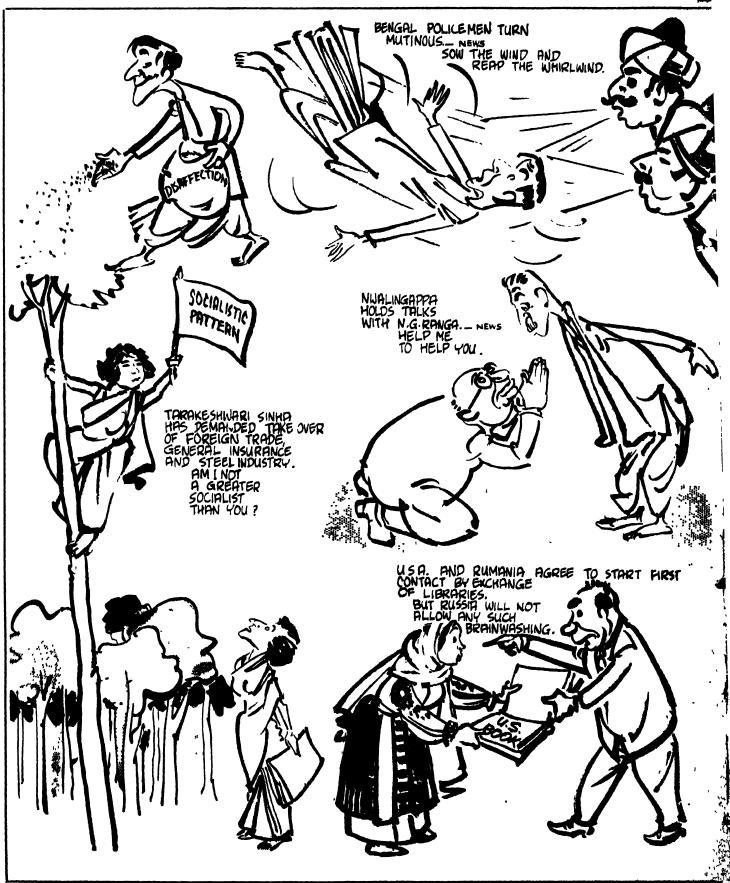
> The Space Agency was recard ('Keval pata').

> And thus in collaboration with of the sample to come

> > JAYANI MEHITA



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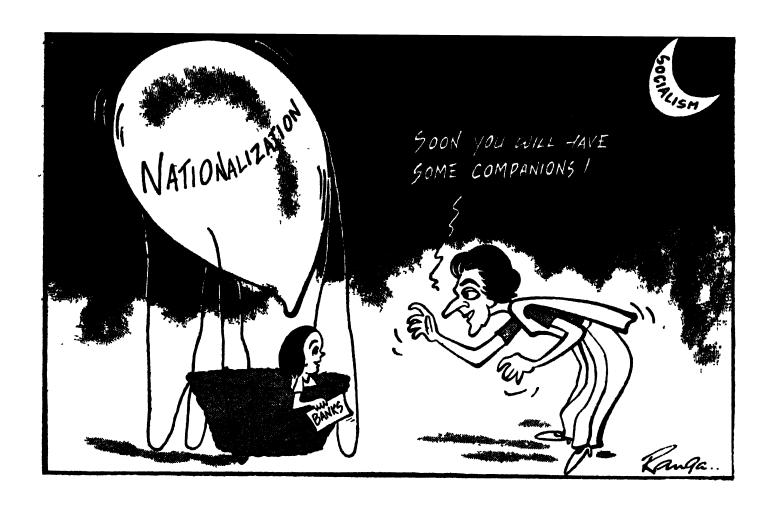
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Small Fry and Big Fish

THE small power laughed at effigies of you, spit, yell and boo books." Now, there were no attacked, and each time they Big Buddy. And Big Buddy, at your representatives. Yes, by books to burn. There were no were defeated. For the strays other, bowed low and asked you'll come back with more, and to set on fire. Then big fish teeth, and they sank their fangs "Won't vou take this aid" And this time we might accept it withdrew all his embassies. "We into small fry and drew blood "Won't you take this aid" And this time we might accept it the small power laughed again, and snatched the bag of money "No strings attached, no strings attached," they yelled as they tore off the purse strings, the And big fish complied He turn-mail fly needed their embasgift wrapping and the red rib- cd a somersault. Small fry held sies. Where else would they bon. "Imperialist swine, you'd up a ring of steel and big fish picket? Where else would they subvert us with your money, jumped But big fish didn't get demonstrate? Where else would would you? Well, well take through He got stuck in the they fast? your money, but we will not be ring. It was too tight 'What 'subverted. Conspiracy, conspi- else d'you expect" snailed small And slowly the mobs got un-racy," they yelled, "Subtle msi- fry, "Living off the Fat of the ruly For burn they must, and dious conspiracy". Out of land " what difference did it make if racy," they yelled, "Subtle insi-dious conspiracy" Out of breath, they stopped for a minute to think a new rabble-

cap in hand, and money in an- Jove, we'll refuse your aid, and limousines and station wagons were paper tigers with nuclear Subvert us, would you?

> And big fish bowed low "Lower" yelled the small fry

rousing slogan They found it when the worm turned. Big fish roasted "Find us a reconnais-"CIA" they yelled.

got fed up First he closed up sance plane" they yelled. "Find all his libraries "We don't need us some hostages" And they small fry was talking to big them" yelled the small fry But went searching all over the fish, "We'll shoot down your soon they found that they did world for a stray plane, a stray planes, capture your boats, humi- Up till now, whenever the mobs boat or a stray bunch of cattle. late your men, burn your libra- had bayed for blood, the cry had And each time they found a

dor't need them," yelled small try, "we'll come over and get the aid ourselves We don't insist on home delivery" But the

what difference did it make if they burnt big fish or small fiv? And finally came the day And small fry began to get ries, stone your embassies, burn been, "To the library. Burn the stray something or another, they

And finally, came the blow As small fry yelled, "No strings attached," big fry replied "O.K." And so they sent empty purses And when small fry howled in anguish, big fish smiled and said, "No string to purse Money inust have dropped out." And slowly the small fry began to see things in the cold light of reason, prompted of course by the cold feeling in their stomachs And this time the purses came, with ropes attached, and big fish was content to operate by remote control

And thus was peace and order restored

SRINIVASAN KRISHNAN

"The importance of being 'Ike"

THOSE who saw photographs fashionable among those seeking helping Swamy

exceptionable virtues Hence spare the Salub the trouble the prevalence of names like and call oneself T V Charry Lakshmi, Seeta, Radha Krishni, or B Mukemi Ram Das, Aliah Ditta, Arjun Singh, Asha, Sher Singh, There is the story of an Ghulam Ah, Himmat Lal and English Professor at Lahore thousands of variations of who every time he took the these. It was hoped that a first day's class of newlygood name would inspire a admitted students used to ask child to acquire the virtues each one of them to stand up implied in the name and it and pronounce his name slowly would try to live up to those high ideals, an expectation not his mind. One student, when always realised in practice

It would need some research. Shah to find out if there were any instances of people naming and asked aim to repeat it their progency after the all-more slowly which he did powerful kings of history and "This is much too much, said their consorts but the chances the Professor. "For as long as are that such attempts to flatter you are in my class, your name by imitation would have been will be Goolain. Mohammed." regarded as terribly presumptuous and the offender executed finality about it those days and forthwith

Raj, however, it did become next two years

of the young lad, 'Ike' official favours or attempting to President further their business interests Nixon plant a sapling at Raj- to anglicize their names. The ghat in Dellir a few days ago name P Paul printed on one's will have noted the advantages visiting card must have helped of having a good first name in securing a speedier admis-In any case, it draws attention sion to the presence of the to the fact that maining chil-dren is an unportant matter. White Salub, than the purely Indian Prem Pal. M. M. Ally In old days when tradition mad Mustaffa Ali In any was valued more than topical- case, the Englishman felt more ity, infants were named after at case with simpler names gods and goddesses, heroes and than with tongue-twisters like heromes of mythology, saints Truvcukatachalam, Vijavaraghand prophets, legendary his vachariai or Benoybhushan torical figures or after un Mukhopadhyaya. Why not

so that he could get it fixed in his turn came, said, "Peerzada Sarfraz-ul-Hassan Alı lqtidar Shah Saleemfaranı" The Englishman scratched his head The Butisher's word had a In the heyday of the British Su" at the daily rolleall for the



"Your forecasts have all been wrong Why don't you change the profession and join department?" meteorological

one Santosh Singh, first be-tore it becomes older and came 5 Santokh, then changed shabbier to S San Tokh and finally emerged as S S Tuck Some Mitals became Meatles and Eisenhower, retired from the Makkar & Co' changed to buffetings of public life will Maker & Co' values they got Maker & Co', when they got a continue to be respected and contract for supplies to the remembered, but those who Army

who gave his daughter, born a or it may not. For, who knows couple of hours after the moon- what the shape of things to landing the name 'Appoli' It come will be and who will be is an attractive name. A few up and who down in the see-days ago it was reported in the saw of power when that child the man answered to Goolam days ago it was reported in the saw of property and the daily rolleall for the of ours had named his little daughter "Nai Dilh". One

Those were the days when hopes she visits the capital be-

The name of President name their offspring after our active politicians of today will There is a certain innocence have to have a gambler's insabout the man in Nagaland tinet. The trick may come off

HR LUTHRA.

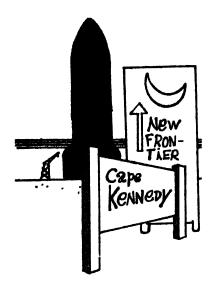


MY MOTHER TELLS ME SHE'S GOING TO GROOM ME MENTO A FINE YOUNG LADY. SOMEONE SHE & CAN BE SPROUD OF.

SHE'S GOING TO ARRANGE FOR MUSIC LESSONS AND FOR MUSIC LESSONS AND DAWCING SINGING LESSONS AND DAWCING LESSONS. I'LL HAVE TO LEARN HOW TO TALK CORRECTLY, WALK CORRECTLY AND EVEN STAND CORRECTLY. I'LL LEARN TO DRAW AND I'LL LEARN TO PAINT PRETTY PICTURES.

DO WISH THEY'D TREAT CHILDREN AS HUMANS AND NOT AS SOME SORT OF PERFORMING SHOWPIECES.







"Can't you call it Cape Brink-of-Space or something?"

Working off steam

THE newspaper report goes cracy had not yet touched the that "quietly and discreetly, the time being closely watched by policemen "ransacked the Ben- evidence that our policeman has situation as it has developed, our watchers do not know what gal Assembly House in protest gone democratic with a hey and but it has refrained from voicing watching really means. The against what they called the a ho, and a hey-nonny-no. He any views because of the com- Concise Oxford Dictionary de-United Fron! Government's fail- has 'arrived' ure to give them protection in the performance of their duties." lating." A tumbler was thrown ries of his near and dear ones discreetly engaged in the rifles. But they had actually at Mr. Basu "which hit a person and that his soul (which was the great art and mystery of done and were doing anything standing beside him; another real he') would live for ever in watching? How would you your they liked! I have never been in the room." I had been wonder- world ing why our progressive demo-

that nearly five-hundred policeman. Here is at last the Centre has been watching the the powers that be? Fact is

The representatives of the law ister to the demonstration stag- made of watching explosive, ex- is purposeful seeing. If you are smashed furniture, broke micro- ed by policemen in Calcutta ploding, and exploded situations watching an activity that is like phones, destroyed papers, and before the West Bengal Assem- a fine art. Which brings to my ly to turn violent, your purpose shouted slogans against the gov- bly" She is reported to have mind the fire-brigade that kept is or ought to be to stop it in ernment, and particularly against said that the law and order situ- a watchful eye on a burning time from being actually viothe Home Minister Mr. Jyoti ation in the country was not mansion till it was reduced to lent It you go on watching the Basu. Many members of the As- ideal, but she "did not see it de- embers and ashes. sembly and some ministers were veloping into a threat to either. Is watching in and by itself lay yourself open to the charge assaulted. An trate contingent political stability or the survival enough? Have you done every- of being powerless or cowardly forced its way into the Speaker's of democracy." This reminds me thing when you have watched? or a party to the proceedings. If chamber. The Speaker "got out of the doctor, who, when his pa- What about the heads that have you are Authority, the charges of the room through a window, tient was finally dead and cre- been broken and the shops that are damning assisted by some members who mated, observed jubilantly that have been looted and the Mr Basu is said to have told were with him at the time." A he was not really dead, that no houses and factories that the storming policemen. "You posse marched into Mr Basu's one ever really died, that the have been burned down while cannot do mything you like besanctum "shouting and gesticu- man would live on in the memo- you have been quietly and cause you are in khaki and bear smashed in anger the water jug the morning of some brave new self like being belaboured into able to understand and appreci-

plications which they may give fines 'watch' as 'remain awake for A press-correspondent "called rise to in New Delhi's relations a purpose' Inert passive obserthe attention of the Prime Min- with Calcutta" The Centre has votion is not watching. Watching

developments to their doom, you

a hospital case by a miscreant ate the meening and force of But it is heartoning to note whose violence was at the same such statements as "You cannot

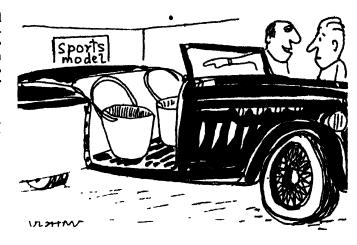
while this or that or the other feel a terrific urge to do somhas already been done and is thing But you will not be able being done at the moment. The to do anything And yet you city of Bombay is often in the must give vent to your feelings grip of the lawless, and then the and emotions. That you will be authorities lose no time in com- able to do by saying something ing out vociferously with "A When deeds are impossible handful of anti-social elements words must be resorted to. Let cannot be allowed to hold me imagine a few typical situa-a whole city to ransom." But tions for you and give you my even while this declaration is being made, the antisocial elements do hold the are sitting on a bench in a garwhole city to ransom

think that the way lawlessness challenges Authority in this ed from our land Every chauvi- But you cannot do that thing.

abiding citizen, are you going to municipal authorities put an end do in the circumstances?

do this or that or the other" Indian lawless life, you will expert guidance

It is a mellow evening You den with your wife. Two uisine I am open to correction, but I toughs come up and start swaggering up and down in front of you, throwing unashamed glancountry, and the way Authority ces at the lady by your side. You meets these challenges, indicate feel like breaking the ruffians that law and order have vanish- up into their original particles nistic and self-advancing scoun- only thing is to get up and go diel can think, speak, and act as away from the spot. There is no he jolly well chooses, and get one about to whom you can from you, glare at them daunt-stoutly away with it all, though he complain At the same time, your lessly That's enough. Turn what? makes thousands suffer or die self-respect demands some bold What, as a peaceful and law- hiss out 'Scum! I'll make the ties are not supposed to act. to this nonsense." The two scoun-On occasions when you are diels will turn about Get up.



'Everything is indigenous, right down to the bucket seats.

away from them quickly, and go

subjected to particularly vile Ask your wife to get up. When proach a taxi waiting at the There's none of those about stresses and strains of current the knaves are about ten feet stand, its flag up. The taximan The train starts The windows number of the taxi loudly, your night's rest. then slowly, clearly, forcefully You are fed up with the iand-articulate "You will hear of lord's illegal and extortionate tolerable

> along in a manner that reminds ssures you of the fact that you have not yet made your will. "Hey! What d'you think you're doing?" You forget ourself. Now rises above the din of the bus the bus-conductor's fusillade of red-hot expletives (some of them critical of vour parentage) at you. Your copassengers (commonly a craven stay alive. "I'll report this in pers about this" writing to the General Manager!" Proclaim that loudly and

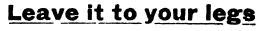
And there you are,

There's a leoning specimen of The law-breaker has nothing to step, your wife expects the home The situation is saved, humanity stretched out on your fear, the law-abiding, every-same All right Wait till the Dismiss the municipal authorities every better in the throughroughs are out of ear-shot Then ties from your mind. Authoribus out 'Senm! I'll make the ties are not supposed to act. berth He asks ou to go to hell You and your pretty young You shout out for the conductor, wife are all pranked out for a the guard, the traffic-superintenwedding-reception. You ap dent, and the Railway Minister. doesn't want to move You look are jammed. The alarm-chain is daggers at him. He gives you a out of order The occupants of bovine stare You look about the other berths appear dead. for a policeman. He is busy The lion sleeps on. Steady on, breaking furniture somewhere, old boy Grind out. "You will Don't despair. Read out the rue this!" Then use the floor for

> this!" You will feel tremendous- demands You refuse to pay him ly relieved Now pad away to anymore He stops your watertry your luck with another vehi-suppy. The local police-station cle somewhere The beauty of has lost its sense of hearing. The such threats as the one you have municipal authorities are busy uttered is that you don't have thrashing out the language-proto do anything about them. Let- blem What do you do? Striking ting off steam, that's what they a Burke-like attitude, you deliare And in a lawless and dis- ver in a most ominous tone: "I orderly country, they make life shall cause legal measures to be instituted against you." The bus-driver has run amok. landlord will laugh at you, but He stops and starts and hurtles vou'll have got rid of your pre-

> A crowd of malefactors fall upon a pedestrian in the public thoroughfare. They beat the defenceless man almost to death. The people and the policemen look on Your sense of humanity is outraged You want to move heaven and earth to end this shameless state of things. Good. lot) ask you to be quiet and Bawl out: "I'll write to the pa-

> > M. A. MAZMUDAR





Atlas bicycles are better to judge why

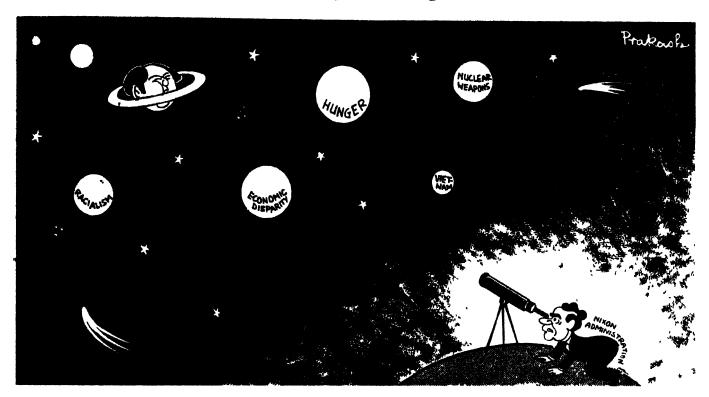


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The Headless Rider

THE vintage Fiat sent the with onthusiasm. Both were in guin rying for safety. The car pro- dreams come true. tested the ill-treatment meted from Santacruz Airport

lar here," said Vijay as a stone dry as dust textbooks to second-said, "When we left home there the North hit the coachwork. The speaker hand booksellers and their notewas a tall stripling with dark books to a rag-man by weight curly hair, a firm jaw, two black mischievous with a cigarette

He liked this camera and a flash unit, a chub- with Honours in Philosophy by face, long artistic fingers and a razor-edge moustache.

Both were happy. B.A. examinations were over life and before them stretched a tong vacation Both were fired ed Vijay, "you're afraid of a Rest House is still not in sight"

mud-spattered villagers scur- the vintage Fiat to make their

out to it at every turn of the of sambars, cheetals, or bark- shoot wild life with my Miran- ed out from his pocket a sadly wheel. It groaned louder and ing deer, and he knew that his da They'd make better trophies battered pair of compasses. louder and made more noise cousin wanted to shoot wild than sambar antiers and shoes." than a Bocing 707 taking off animals on colour films with his "Waste of money, but then Muanda. "We don't seem to be popu- small amount by selling their

The old Fiat had most few dark clouds cyes, and sportingly taken them from dancing be- Bombay to Bhopal without any tween his lips trouble Its incessant noise Pre- our pirth charts is not related more top in a graceful arch. The car breasted the rise in huge curthe villagers. It destroyed their tures' The dense jungle aboundslumbering peace," commented ing with game was still a hun-

good-hearted, lighting a Char-Mmar deftly timid lad, who was never with- with one hand. "I'll give you expensive Miranda a pair as a gift for passing BA

> to offer you but eye-music by wombed opulency hanging be- like an adder's tongue. It is in Their showing coloured pies of wlid tween heaven and earth

Predip looked at the sky and was a warning signal for a cyclone, and now the skies show a

"Blame your astrology."

"You mean Police.'

Predip pushing a lemon drop dred miles away.

"As Monte Christo said, 'All The first faint numblings of into his eager mouth

"We'll make first class shoes human wisdom is suinmed up thunder percolated through the Vijay glanced at his cousin. from sambar skin," said Vijay in two words. Wait and Hope', leafy arch. They saw the first said Predep pontifically

"I don't wait for any trouble, out of the avenue want shikar

"Lazybones, have a dekko at "You're too timid," comment- your road map," said Vijay, "the an adder

"Perhaps you've missed a "Damn it, I'm no chicken I crossing and are now on a hate to take life because I'm a wrong track I drew your atten-Vijay wanted to bag a couple student of religion I prefer to tion to it," Predip said and fish-

> "Miracles do happen though colour films with his "Waste of money, but then we are far from the days of Both had made a you've a rich father" Father Abraham," said Predip, "the needle refuses to point to

> > "Then" "South"

"South?"

In a few minutes they reached "But the trouble indicated by a lane lined on both sides with ves like a bloated rattle-snake streak of lightning as they came

"Let's reach the Rest House After an hour's drive, Vijay before the storm breaks," said "Thanks, Vijay, I've nothing saw a dark cloudbank of water- Predip "The lightning looked auspicious

"You'd run away if you see

'You know, old boy, I con-

sulted both the buthcharts before we left home

"Damn your birth charts Are you an illiterate woman to believe in astrology?"

"But listen, serious trouble Vijay, I expect

"And I don't," interposed Vijay

Another flash and Vijay saw a sprawling crumbling mansion in a big compound. The day had worn itself out, and darkness had chased the last shreds of light from the sky

yard," moaned Predip who was very sensitive to atmosphere

Vijay saw a crumbling compound wall of red stone with two wide gaping wounds for the missing two-leaf gates. He felt a heavy suffocating smell of decay As the car nosed in the compound he noticed one rusty leaf with a rusty peacock on it spreadeagled on the ground

'Some Rest House," mutter-

ed Vuav

"A haunted house," said Predip "It reminds me of Walter de la Marc's poem, 'The Lasten

Perhaps the ghosts are listening to your jabbening and might come out to receive you'

"I'll take pics of ghosts and mint money, but you can't shoot them and take them home as trophies

CARBUNCLE CURE (Rogd.) CARROWTER WK SEPTICS SORES -CHIS., IF CLEAKES, IF CHIES

"I think we've come to the wrong place. It looks like a I charnel house.

Vijay braked the car near the portico, when he saw fresh hoof- illumined the avenue, prints on the slightly wet ground.

Some one has preceded us, Predip See the hoofmarks? Some of the shoe prints are perfect'

"Company for us, Vijay, Peihaps he'll share his food with us I'm ravenously bungry."

They piled out of the old Fiat They mounted the crum-"I feel I'm nearing a grave- bling steps which lead to an oversize verandah

"A full-length dancing-hall Vijay too felt a presence of hautifully parketed and carpeted with thick dust, with enough space for a band'

'What about partners?"

Vijay knocked at the central door It flew open as if to invite them Predip switched on his flashlight Layers of dust carpeted the room and cobwebs decorated with intricate filigree work the high rafter cerlmg A few bats disturbed by light rushed out full tilt Predip jumped out of the way Desolation and decay reigned supreme A few pieces of forsaken furniture were smothered in dust Shreds of silver brocade curtains still hung like stalacti-

Predip w/s scared stiff "Where has the rider gone, and where the horse?

"Let's find them"

They moved to the rear of the house. There was desolation everywhere Tall grasses locked in a death embrace with bluebell creepers covered every inch of the backyard A few leafless dead trees stood gaunt and withered like ghostly sentinels awaiting the Father of Evil A number of skeleton outhouses, some with their walls in debris, made a picture of all-round rum A stable door was open but there was no sign of a horse, but dust, cobwebs and huge lizards

'Let's get away, Vijay, I get creeps," said Predip, stark panie spiralling up his head

The ram has started Let's use the stable as a garage. But first let's remove a few necessary things for our use leave at dawn

But hoofprints?"

"Perhaps a rider had lost his overturned way and came here for shelter and went his way."

I hear a faint whinnying of first floor just above them horse," said Predip "Ghosts!" whispered Prea horse," said Predip

'A unaway horse

"Have a look at the avenue. fright. saw something moving."

"Nerves, old boy, nerves."

"I saw a white riderless horse"

"I saw it too."

"A ghost-horse." "Perhaps seeking a ghost rid- mg, old boy?"

They removed the primus. waterbag, an old oil lamp, and two sleeping bags from the boot and brought to the verandah Then Vijay went back to bring his Winchester and Predip's Miranda and tripod

"Now let's eat something and hit the hay We leave this inhospitable house at the crack of dawn," said Vijay

"We should go to the upper storcy and see Perhaps, it is the hideout of bandits," whispered Predip

'Or ghosts."

They hurriedly ate canned

Vijay pushed cartridges into the magazine chamber and shift ed the safety catch, thus cutting out the distance between life and death.

Predip carried his camera tupod but his knees were wobb-

"Get your camera to snap the bandits What are you doing with the tripod?

To use as a weapon

The grand central stancase divided the front into two wings The flash light showed no footprints in the thick layer of dust which carpeted the ratnibbled steps

"There's no one upstans See the steps

"Let's pass the night by talking, but we should be alert to danger'

Weary minutes passed like hours The oil lamp shed its halo of flickering light. Predip looked at the tadium dial of his gold Omega and said, "A few seconds to midnight

The rain was falling in sheets, drumning on the roof and tiptapping on the trees

"I won't come with you again My astrology is correct

But the rest of the sentence was left unsaid as they heard a distinct clash of swords sounds of chairs and tables and drumming of the heavy boots.

The sound came from the

whispered Predip and his body shivered with

Vijay shouldered his Winchester and Predip carried his metal A sudden flash of lightning tripod in his right hand and the flashlight in his left.

"Don't you drop the flashlight, Predip.

"I-I aa-m n-oo-t aff-ra-id." "Then why are you stammer-

They stealthily mounted the creaking steps. The dust muffled the sound. The banister groaned when Predip leaned against it for support They faced a huge double door Vijay peeped through the key-hole He was hypnotised by the scene

A large oil lann shed its faint glow in a large rectangular salon. A few overturned chairs and tables looked hke buoys in the harbour came into his view two swarthy men with death in their hearts Each had a rapier in his right hand and an evil-looking dagger in his left He heard Predip's teeth chattering. He patted his cousin's back and continued watching the enthralling scene But his attention was drawn to a broken-winded horse neighing impatiently Vijay could distinetly hear the laboured breath ing of the duellists. They exchanged thrusts but not words.

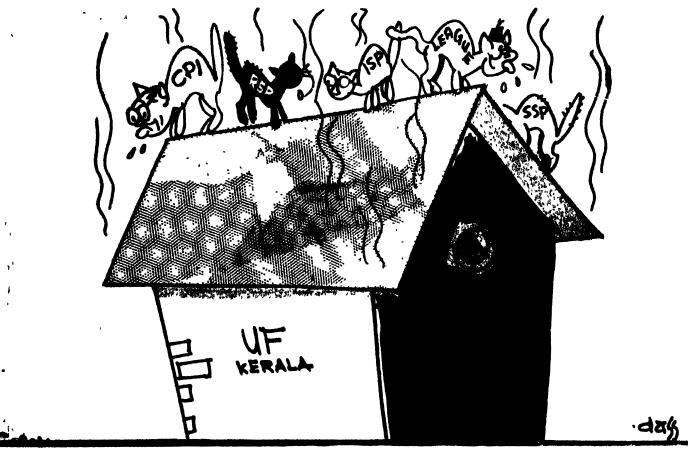
A man in white churidars and a long black brocade coat had his back to the door' Vijay saw his opponent. He wore white churidars and a long white brocade coat Thunder crashed outside A flash of lightning illumined the 100m, and for a split second blinded the man in black His adversary was waiting for this moment He fiercely lunged and with one blow severed the head of his opponent. His scream was drowned by a peal of thunder Vijay screamed too. A gust of high wind blew off the lamp All was darkness

Predip had nearly fainted Vijay carried him down the stairs In a few seconds a black gelding came galloping with a rider with his rapier between

his teeth.
"T-h-e m-ur-de-rer," stammered Vijay to Predip. deep whinnying sound and a white stallion came and stood under the portico In a few seconds a headless rider with his head in his hand sprang on the stallion and galloped away, leaving a shikari and a photographer petrified with fear.

J R. P. Mody

Cats on a hot tin roof



The differences in the Kerala united front are said to have been composed

Bath-time Concert

THE taps are turned on - in the soap bubbles. The door ing in public the ability to sing, war-cry. But who cares' shuts out the madding crowd and thus the talent remains un- You bathroom door, while not and your bath room is a veri- noticed by the world at large sound proof, is a stindy one the involvate bathroom suger of philanthropy sweeps over large has been found to be not symphony elude your memory, reasons that while your talents your being and you begin to sufficiently appreciative of your there is a swift improvisation are many and varied, music is consider this the best possible special style of singing, a fact with "Tharamana" or "tunity not one of them, and begs you of all worlds. Your day to day which is evidenced by people tumpty tum. Your vocal cords to desist in the name of public problems melt away, great, who plug their cars and depart flex themselves as you release a peace and tranquillity. Your social and economic issues in haste, whenever you begin fine high crescendo of sound—dear and near ones plead that which beleaguer the rest of the merest snatch of a song the glass panes rattle dange- such excesses may one day mankind seem laughably trivial. It is only in the privacy of one's rously and dust falls from the provoke a not in the neighbour raised because of the West a mynah Asian situation? Live and let live, you tell yourself In this delicious mood of goodwill, the art of unmortal composers silently. An aging aunt whose you express yourself in a burst You attempt a lyne by the deatness is pronounced enquires

music in undisturbed peace sthan style of music could be the police that should be called The air is filled with There are many, like you and mistaken for an air-raid siren in or the fire-brigade. All this the sound of gurgling water me, with an inborn modesty You sing the latest film bit, because you are doing ample and there are dancing lights that slices away from display- though it sounds like the Zulu justice to a famous Thumir table haven of peace. A wave O1, worse still, the world at When parts of the musical Your all enduring spouse Why despair about bathroom that the inclody colling-and you woulder re-hood You are not discouraged, the price-spiral and what if the within you, yearning in vain for local grocer does argue that self expression, gets its release to p the price of potatoes had to be And there you are, singing like films

of. song.

samtly Tyagaraja and you are petulantly as to where the human rights they meant to undeterred by the fact that panful groaming was coming put into the list and somehow you sound like one's bathroom its tail caught in a door Your stars flat begin to debate where one can enjoy one's own laboured 'aalaap' in the Hindu- among themselves whether it is

gretfulls why you never took nor are you moved by their to playback singing for the entreaties. Your bathroom is

The stricken family listening You proceed to assassinate beyond the closed door, suffers

Nothing arrests the zeal of entreaties Your bathroom is your fortress against the striferidden world and bathtime is the blissful respite from daily care. The right to sing and hear oneself sing is one of the

NALINI MENON

-FILMS-

"Humsaya"

acted (double role) a patriotic shown on our silver screen? Chinese soldier (Comrade Lin), Indian playboy/airforce officer, need to be told about the convoluted confusion that ensues out of all this.

As Lin he is sternly separated from his china doll wife (Mala Sinha) by the Party, after a prelumnary bourgeois courtship a pretty grim task. and marriage among cherry trees, nifty wooden bridges, Let us forget the plot Some of et al. The first song comment the scenes with the visiting culces two minutes after the film begins After plastic surgery (dramatic rolling drum beats here), he is the spit image of one ing service officers, and all the Prince Shyam across the border. Chinese cook shop population This guy's favourite pose is from Calcutta. Another scene, stretched insensate, one arm potentially hilanous but which out, in drunken stupots

Shyam's shoes, Shyam, by a lucky hand of Fate, has to play Lin while remaining Shyam, all the dams, bridges and facwhom Lin had to impersonate torics in Bharat. We see oafishanyway Get it? Lin is gun- looking extras picking up babyned down by his chief who blue telephones and dialling the thinks it's Shyam, and the ball news. The chap at the other is set rolling

Shyam now has to pretend to lightning music spy for the Chinese while also sorting out the tangles of his gore, who does a super belly

dance with a diamond in her belly button Incidentally, who JOY MUKERJI has produced ever goes in real life to watch and directed this film and also improbable dance dramas as

The plot is an unholy mess, Indian airforce officer posing as becoming more and more incre-Contrade Lin-and you don't dible with a Chinese cultural delegation (those were the days of Hindi Chini Bhai Bhai) led by Madam Sui (Lin's wife). Poor loy Mukern has to remain faithful to Sharmila while not giving the game away Lin not having consummated his marriage, it is

tural delegation being entertained in the Capital are hilanous Goan dance bands, phoney-lookcame too late in the story when one is too exhausted to even Instead of Lin stepping into giggle, occurs when the army, alerted of the plot to blow up end then dials someone else. and so on, all to thunder-and-



Sharmila Tagore

act; he has too much to do.

Could someone also explain how landscapes suddenly shift from bits of Delhi to Bombay? One minute it is Rashtrapati Bhavan, the next minute it is the air force and the police are the western ghats. Even a car chase doesn't need to do a Monte Carto, surely?

"Rosemary's Baby"

In "knife under water" Roman Polanski explored the accidental relationship between a couple and a stranger In "Culde sac" and "Repulsion" "the The villains are greasy, with wounded surgeon plies the steel" past. The snare is Sharmila Ta- awful smister laughs. The girls, into the abnormal, bizarre world -Sharmila and Mala-are pretty of madness In his first colour

Mala gives a good performance llollywood film he has used Ira Joy Mukhern doesn't need to Levin's camp story of witchcraft in Manhattan to create a fable of innocence in a universal conspiracy of evil.

> Faustus was eternally damned for selling his soul to the Devil. but Rosemary's husband (played by John Cassavetes) is unscathed after selling his wife for the pleasure of Satan and for the procreation of a devil child. There is no God and there is no help from fellow humans for Rosemary (Mia Farrow) when she realises what is being done to her by the next-door coven of witches and warlocks. Their power to destroy is far stronger than ary beneficent forces (il there are any) of protection.

> Polanski has brilliantly combined horror, creepy with an essay into the psyche of the victim, Rosemary, and a fantastical tale with a serious observation of the nearness and normal abnormality of evil.

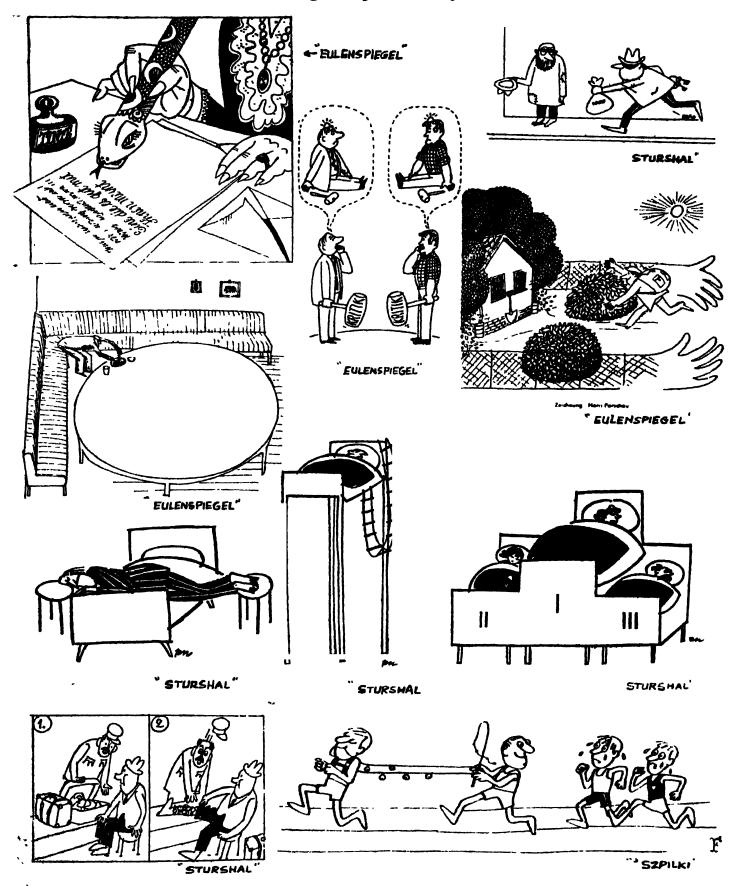
> His brilliance as a director can be judged by the performance of every single actor Mia Farrow has thrown herself into her role with the intensity of great acting She draws out every subtle shade, enlarging her involvement as the character develops in the film. John Cassavetes is his usual excellent self. and Ruth Gordon a riot of homely vulgarity and sinister cosiness

The photography marries consummately with the director's intentions. And suspension of disbelief-usually impossible for a critic-is willingly borne.



Mia Farrow

Laughs by courtesy



Sanity through Ad-man?

tics since 1945. Indian Edition of Frederick Praegar Publica-

G. F Hunson The Hard and Bitter Peace World Polition: National Academy Delhi 1969 (pp 319, price Rs 3).

WAS not the present kind of but the world is not bi-polar tomajor war has become "thinkhave the "balance of terror."

one should imagine that a new, concludes the author nuclear war is ruled out alto-

world situation suic to day How can the Soviet Union come to pass sooner or later? asks the author, turn a Nelson's Technology has been growing eye to the struggles in the third fast over time, including in- world which are apparently evitably that of destructive based on the tenets of its own weaponry And wars have sear-revolution? That it should so cely if ever solved any pro- ignore is what is needed to blem The cessation of hostilities stave off a nuclear holocaust. in one war has always marked And that it is in fact doing so the beginning of preparations for is precisely the Chinese charge, a new war, bound to be more Kudson wonders whether it ferocious given the background would be possible to localize the of secular growth of technology, struggles of the third world lowing Stalin's death But in a So it was that the destructive always. We are on the brink poly-centric world, it is a prisonpotential of weaponry has final- and are separated from nuclear ly grown so enormous that a annihilation by one trigger pressure, so to say. The important ing of the unthinkable," and we thing is therefore that the nu clear weapons are banned and Mr. Hudson warns us that no destroyed as a first priority,

Hudson's is a competent surgether merely because it has vey of world politics since 1945, become hard even to contem-though it is a typical exposition plate for the would-be comba- of the Anglo-Saxon view of tants The two super-powers world events As an able pre- midable problems of disarma-

the third world in a spirit of third world that it should fend for itself

To be sure, Hudson concedes that the Soviet Union may have of publicity on the demand for become more responsible fol-inspection they would have lowing Stalin's death But in a some prospect of imposing it." er of its own ideology, its lapses from which the Chinese are making a profession of armament, this suggestion of the pointing out Hudson suggests means toward nuclear disarmathat the proper policy for the ment is surprisingly naive. But West is, until it is achieved, probably it has the explanation nuclear disarmament so that no in the lack of willingness to one's ideological compulsions look on one's side of the fence would set the world on a nu- for any ills! How one wishes clear collision course

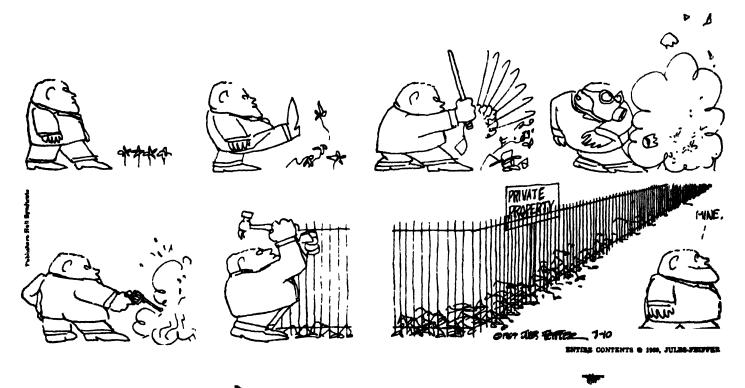
may be interested in detente, sentation of a particular view- ment, the section on which in-

point, it is not any less com- cidentally is the most cogent in mendable because it is partisan his book. But he sees no alter-The impatience towards the na- native to nuclear disarmament, tional aspirations of the third with international inspection of world is given a respectable course. That, he tells the West, colour in the book by invoking should be the aim of "a politi-repeatedly the cause of world cal offensive designed to carry peace. Hudson would forgive the argument directly into the Communist camp." He knows "they know not what they are that this is not saying much and doing," but not the Soviet Union so he adds an operational doing," but not the Soviet Union so he adds an operational for not making clear to the method "If the Western Powers are serious in the desire for nuclear disarmament . , then by concentrating all their means (p 278). (stalies ours).

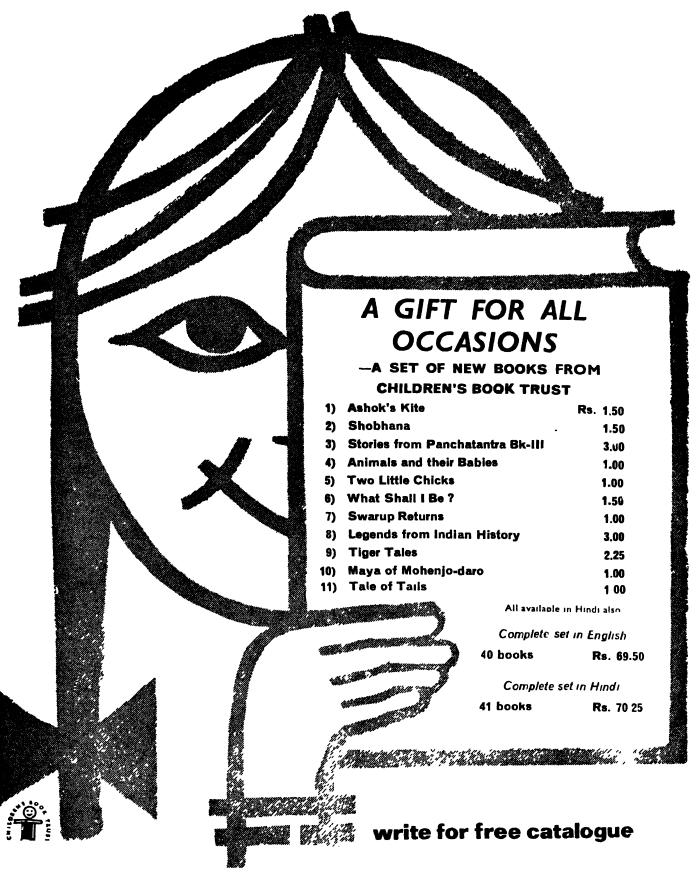
For such a knowledgeable. student of the problems of disarmament, this suggestion of the that publicity media can cons-Hudson is aware of the for- truct a more just world order!

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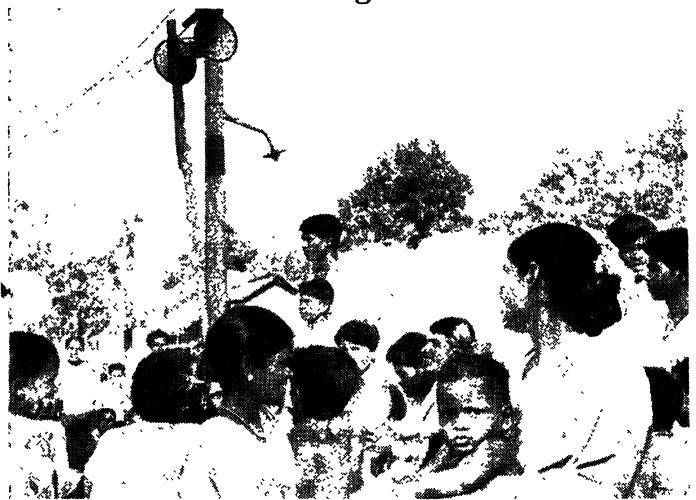
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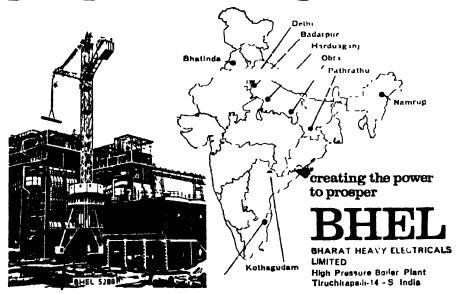


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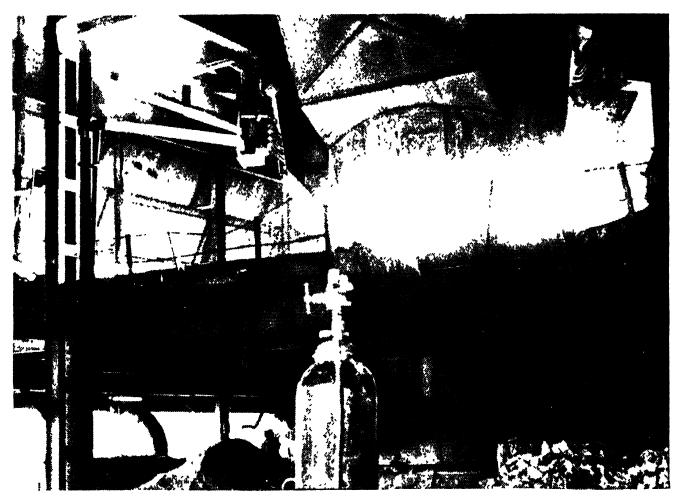
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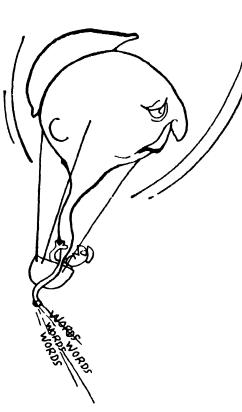
stale. On the stage are the cavorting the VIPs say or do. The two states of There is no mind cannot be bridged communication not even sympathy

The reason for this is the uneven manner in which various classes have gained benefits for themselves in this The merpiont industrialists who were really usurers just before the war became the largest beneficiaries of independence, then capital outlay expanding between 10 and 20 times in 20 years The zammdars who kept then land by parcelling it out among relations also did well from State subsidies and floor prices while they were exempt from paying any

The middle and professional classes also did well though not as much as the others. The 'kulak mentality, of expanding personal profits at any cost was encouraged by the Government under the vote-catching slogan of socialism. When it unleashed sentiments of cupidity and produced a kind of counter-revolution, there were howls of dismay from the Planners. Pandit Nehru who was never quite sure where the chaining, cultivated man ended and the socialist began, found out too late that Indian planning had been so distorted that it had resulted in monopolies, in wide-spicad opposition to socialism by all those who had benefited from the growth in the economy

What about those who had not derived much good? These were dismissed as a small section of agricultural labourers, mostly Harnans, who needed sympathy and attention but were not worthier of any other urgent considera-The truth is otherwise In un-

AFTER twenty-two years the ritual of divided India in 1931 there were 183 mer independence – the booming gins million literates and nearly 268 million and the booming speeches— is becoming illiterate— In divided free India there are 300 anilion illiterites and about 230 politicians empty of all vision devoid of million literates. The gap is closing idealism but sustained only by their vulgar out bow slowly at is the same with desire for success. And in the distance is economic growth. A small Traction the faceless multitude whose aspirations of the clife live along the style of and fears are not at all reflected in what the Western leisure class. Below them a whole Lit of people live as British suburbanites do and with much the same Some time ago Mrs. India a comforts Gandhi pointed out that thousands of people who were now criticising the Congress were also in a position to take holidays in full resorts during the sun-



She was right in the observation but her conclusions are wrong

Social antagonism has become direct and real now that all these classes are competing with one another for top position and are together competing against the submerged masses. The Prime Musister has stumbled on this fruth in the course of her quaried with the Syndicite Bank nationalisation was a diamatic gesture to the under privileged and the non-privileged that she was at least not with the bankers and the nullionane traders and businessmen

But is this enough? The Prime Mm ister may well be misleading herself into thinking that a series of such dramatic announcements will add up somehow to socialism. Already there is talk in a seetion of the Congress allied to big money that red revolution is just around the corner. What this kind of talk signifies is that no structural change in society will be permitted by the powers that be The Leftists themselves are confused. They think the, have won some kind of victory but the elation is shortlived and there is a suspicion, that it may all be quite msubstantial

For a considerable period the Congress got along with tilk of socialism without defining it. During elections some programme was adopted but with the evincal thought that it would be forgotten as soon as the election was over-

The question before the Congress and indeed the country it whether Mrs Indua Gandhi can or will ake a series of planned steps to make socialism tangible or will she continue to be histinonic about it? There is a good deal of feeling - and not without found tion that her present radical postures are out of the compulsion she is facing by the threat from the Syndicate of her removal as leader of the Congress Pathamentary Party Mrs Guidla keeps saving that bank nationalisation is 'a small step" What everyone else would like to know is what are the big steps she has in mind,

Political situation

FIELD SURVEY

FOR once the Indian Inst

inflexible rules at is dispensing with the theoretical frame that it has always considered rodispensable in its far-reaching and deep-delying investigations of sociological and political ittitudes. The HVPO is sorry but it - and the readers have to do without theory this time Maybe after a while when of the kind You will say that TT I see Congress rising the dust settles down and we I have vision of a glorious like the Phoenix with all the fall into a more manageable thythm of life the HVPÖ will be ready Meantime material

member of the Syndicate who we are headed? for obvious reasons, wishes to venience call Tapil Sir, for me what is going on?

Tapil How the hell should I know what is going on? Go, readily. But what will they be? ask the Indicate

happening surely that argues coming events

Tapil I only said that things are moving so fast that it is impeding traffic? difficult to say what is happen ing at any particular moment trivial things like traffic? I know what is happening all right. In their sum and crude Congress? will it survive? substance, the commies are on gone beiserk. And while I am socialism sure I shall get even with them given time, at the moment the should be so sure. I was told Looking ahead on this occasion picture is rather confused as even you can see

HVPO Sir this investigation has a larger perspective. This is being done for a special occasion the twenty-second aninversary of our having achieved independence So I am not interested in the events that are overwhelming us these last few days and these are confused enough. What do you think will be the long term effect of all this squabbling ar the Congress?

Tapil Who is squabbling? Not we certainly But if the PM wants it and sets up people we shall squabble too As for long-run effects, we shall all be dead in the long run Ha! Ha!

sir that you of all people the people from communism? should be quoting keynes in I don't know what to think this doleful fashion

you blundering trend-spotter HVPO I shall put you down

is a 'don't know' about India's future shall I, su'

Tapil You will do nothing future for this country

HVPO to Mr. Gulpu andeology HVPO to an important of Independence tell me where

Mr Guljar Man if you canremain anonymous, but whom not see it, you are blind. After tory? we shall for the sake of con-twentytwo years of torpor we are set on the road to socialism old times sake, will you tell Great things are coming Just you wait

HVPO I shall sit most

that you don't know what is Radio? Many great things are The people are on a certain lack of control over the march and there is no stop ping them

HVPO Not even if they are

G How could you talk of

HVPO What about

G Of course, it will Who the rampage and the PM has but the Congress can bring in Bhakt, with subterranean links

IIVPO That laugh, six if I by a member of the Syndicate of our twentysecond anniverof Very Private Opinion is may say so without disrespect, that the Congress will survive sary of freedom, can you see going to break one of its own rings hollow. It is a sad thing, but he added. Who could save any light?

> Tapil Now be off with you you will see when the time comes

HVPO to Tarun Lurki Sir, disturbing kind what is your view of the shape of things to come?

rightist reactionary dross burnt in the fire of rediscovered with the theories MVPO to Mi Guljai videology. I see mighty forces. HVPO 9 here is the field member of the Indicate. Su released forces more powerful lieve that? I see mighty forces could you on the occasion of than any of us, even the Prime the twenty-second anniversary Minister. Forces perhaps that will sweep all of us into what is the expression

HVPO the dungheap of his-

TT Why should it be the dungheap of history? Why not the destination of our dreams2

HVPO Because anything PPB Times change and swept by something else has with it views. Anyway, I Guhar Manalive, haven't no volution. You are letting thought your question related HVPO But sir your saying been listening to the All India your emotion run with you I to the future rather than the date say Mis Gandhi knows past of the present what she is doing and is in fuller control of events than you are of your cloquence.

11 (with frightening humility) I am sure she is

HVPO God bless your mnocent soul. May you always. he as innocent

with the 'Syndicate' Pandity, HVPO Curious that you we live in troubled times

PPB Beta, there is no light at the end of a tunnel Congress G Well, you will see what is not what it was There is, 1 regret to say, a tendency towards totalitarianism and I have heard dark rumours of the most

HVPO Such as?

PPB Beta, don't you read the newspapers? I am told of powers from beyond the sea running our country

HVPO Surely you don't be-

PPB Who am I to disbeheve what appears in the papers2 I am a humble worker of the Congress

HVPO And yet when the leftists accused the country of being run by some other power you were angry enough, I remember

HVPO to Madhyamgati, a self-confessed Centrist in the Congress Sn, what, in your opinion is the future of the Congress

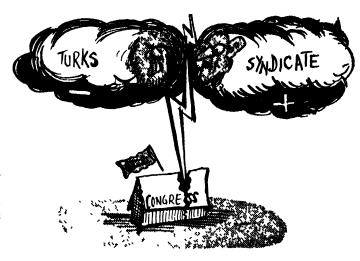
M The future of the Congress, like its past is a zig-zag HVPO to Pandit Puran progress in which the zig cancels the zag and we are, taking it by and large over a period, in the dead centre, as always Whatever may be the immediate outlook, the secular trend in the Congress is the straight and narrow middle path Because it is straight and narrow, straying from it is natural

> IIVPO It is greatly reassuring, sir, to find at last one man who feels that things are as they always have been don't think that the Congress will polarise into the right and the left?

M My dear chap, how can you polarise the equator? The Congress is the dead centre and shall always be there.

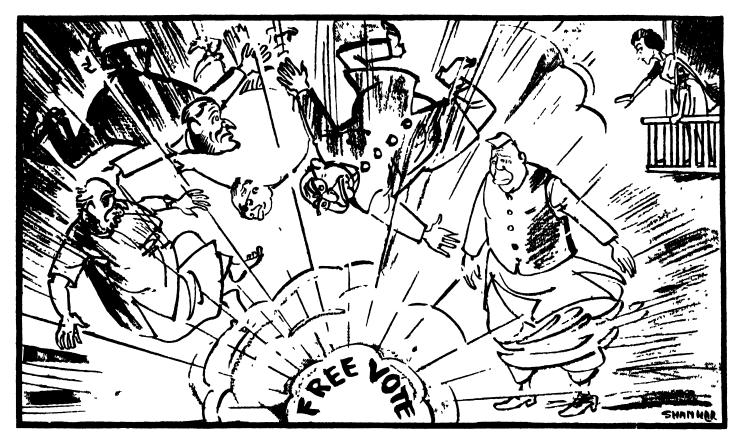
HVPO Thank God for the most reassuring word I have heard in a week full of darkest predictions

JASON



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The time-bomb



INDEPENDENCE DAY:

Views from abroad

WASHINGTON

the U.S. in any world-wide con-from its responsibilities frontation It is on this group of patriots that the Nixon administration is relying to fill the lop after the British pull out of Indian independence

The United States is very distress in the upper ranks of lines of Wilson's blatant state discussions with China for a

"Men of straw" Churchill sulking in his tent? vacuum that is certain to deve- lamented were the inheritors MOSCOW from their bases east of Sucz that time few believed his

business is killing incentive grimly on businessmen and good

Land distribution is playing traders. British bankers are But the reactionaries are a and the United States, the sec havoc with agricultural produc-tion. Unemployment is grow- India Mrs Gandhi's deadly number of obstacles to be mankind

Russian influence is killing off tion of business and the sanctity hope to achieve socialism. It brightness and causing deep of private property is on the must, firstly, cease to reopen will always be on the side of tion of the US running away the land and perking the economy Is there an analogy in the shape of the able and

Concerning the Indian decim the 1970s. It is also spe judgment. Even the post-sion to nationalise banks, it is cially gratifying to note that partition riots did not quell the a progressive measure that calls even without American prodding, as in 1962, there is spontaneous opposition to bank nationalisation

But of course India is not day? Bolshevism has won its yet out of the woods. The talk of socialism is retarding ecohave been nationalised and the bank show all the money will be the special of its collaboration.

But what is happening today? Bolshevism has won its giving all their profits to pininterests. This is very like so-called independence day bank show all the money will be the special of socialism is retarding ecohave been nationalised and the bad. Now all the money will be the special of its collaboramerging growth. The only one of Stelling looks down on the support of all those who was have been preventing for the support of all those who was have been preventing at the profits to principle of the special of socialism is retarding ecohave been nationalised and the bad. Now all the money will be the special of its collaboramerging growth. The only of the support of all those who was have been preventing the special of socialism to the special of socialis nomic growth. The curbs on image of Stalin looks down go to the State. That is very tors, the Russian modern re-

The creeping game of controlling the opera- overcome before India can

ambiguous support of the Russian action in Czechoslovakia, which was not intervenhonest Morari Desai who is tion but an act of fraternal sulking in his tent?

to the but an act of fraternal solidarity Mary and Lemm will have rejoiced and the cult of the personality shrunk at this bold resolute action

> Let India support more and more Czechosłovikias

visionist and social impenalists

But the people of India

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rising in discontent. Railway ous compensation to bankers furiously to wage war on the When they came to give free-accidents are increasing thanks who can set up more banks great Chinese people and its dom to Pakistan it was pointed to the spirit of resistance of the with that money. This is a greatest leader, Chairman Mao out that they might as well Railway Minister. Com. Rain shameless symble of the people. Tse-tung Subhag Singh In West Bengal revolutionaries are holding ed to defeat in Kerala and other parts

In Delhi, the ruling reaction

The reactionaries are doom-t to defeat. Whether they daily meetings. The same goes work under Morarji Desai the pupper of Washington or Mrs by-product of Pakistan's long Indua Gandhi the puppet of and bitter conflict with im-

groaming under their treble ing for something to bolster its or whether they work under the Quaid-e-Azam and the load - the social imperialists, shake throne. It is nationalis- anybody, we shall always op- Madr-i-Millat. As a result of ferocious imperialists and their ing some banks byt at the pose the Indian reactionary that fight, the Attlee Governown lackers of both - are same time it is paring enorm-clique which is arming itself ment was brought on its knees.

RAWALPINDI

India's independence is a ary clique is desperately look- both Washington and Moscow penalism waged. ruthlessly by

ie, Bharat also

Since then we have realised that our generosity was mis-Aggressing on Pakisplaced tan from all quarters, the communal Indians have always lost not an opportunity to bring us down By their actions, they forced us to join CENTO and SEATO By their present actions they are forcing us to quit both

But of course it is Kashmir that is at the root of the problem The danger is that in a few years, everybody including Kashmirs will forget all about Kashmir We demand a settlement before this happens We don't want war But if, by God war is thrust on us, we shall ask the Chinese to fight for us on the entire length of the border. In the meantine we guardedly congratulate her on her so-called independence

BELGRADE

A non-aligned summit conterence in Belgrade should be one of the things that Indian leaders should think about on then independence day West Asian crisis is still on the boil Viet Nam continues to trouble

Above all, there is uneasiness over Czechoslovakia What does this business of socialist countries having limited sovereignty mean? sounds very much like American imperialism

The non-aligned countries have a duty by themselves and towards one another in this regard We should extend the definition to include practically every nation in the UN

In this connection why not invite the US itself to our conference? It is not a subordinate in any military pact. Nixon has recently said that the US wants to pull out of Asia Do not these quality her as a non-aligned nation?

Indian independence is a matter of vital importance to all of us but we must do our international duties to make ou independence meaningful.

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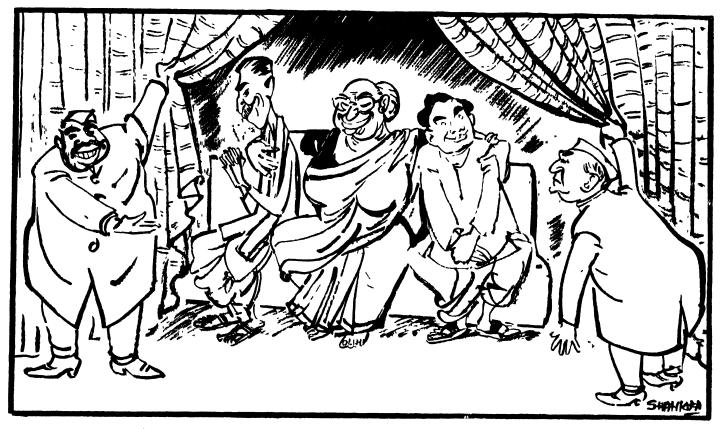
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The search for new blood



Mr Nyalmgappa's talks with the Jana Sangh and the Swatantia have raised a storm of protest

Pickled Dialogue

disclose. He will also deny it as breast) an unadulterated he My sugthing is unadulterated, even if it is a lie

was in a nasty mood this week He was to go abroad on a junket when the "crisis" broke out Using the Nixon visit as an exthis month. Still, there was no lessly sign of the crisis abating. Other editors are daily writing strong as the wretched crisis," the edieditorials using expressions like tor cursed brinkmanship, escalation, etc How can we afford not to follow suit? And how can the editor leave India at such a time? Reporter had beaten him to it verbatim account of their dia-found somebody tickling me in I was saved and had an outing at the expense logue. I want to write a front- the back. I first thought it was

not like what. I am going to rankled in the editor's patriotic ing bank nationalisation?

gestion is that he should call it morning how long the "blasted tions as bank" nationalisation, and which naturally resented my a pickled and spiced he because crisis' was going to last. Stave They may have more juicy to-instrusion. As a matter of fact, it was while hiding in a large ing to be honest, I replied that pies to talk about? I counter avakaya (Andhra pickles) jar this seemed to be a crisis which ed that I gathered the following would go on lasting because the Secondly, in spite of the super Syndicate, lying low until Au-than I thought you were Who bazaars we cannot be sure a gust 24, would escalate it and the other side, now on the offen-(Understandably, the editor gic is simple There are two sides to a crisis. If both he low there is no error. If both escalate it there will be a blow-up. But if there is a division of labour be-

Your blasted logic is as bad-

So he brusquely asked me one discuss, such theoretical, quest which rightfully belonged there

You seem to be a bigger mug-followed me to the office wants ideas from them against bank nationalisation? I have sive, would then he low. My lost them all here. What I want is a preamble--a peg as they say

"Not in the club." I interrupt-

No, not that kind of a peg' cuse he put off, the trip until tween them it, will linger end, the conversation between Nua- pickles and seed he had not lingappaji and Ranga garu? It tasted them for some time was what the literary blokes call a Herculcan task. But lucki- of pickles because I was alread Is for me there was, and I hope that not a membering that the Then he set me the impossible still is, a large but empty parm purves cupty—the Swatantia task, which was itself a reflec- Ranga's sinte in Western Court, leader mecht ofter him a piece tion on his angry mood. Sinalin- Heaving the body into it was a and reach into my hiding place gappa is meeting N. G. Ranga, matter of minutes for me. Hard- But soon the conversation mov-That the columnist and Your today," he began. 'Get me a ly had I settled down than I cd into weighter subjects and

I AM sure. Nijalingappaji will of some other tax-payer further page signed editorial denounce the opposition competing with when I ultimately emerged from the hide out one or two of them

> Since verbalm account of a conversation which lasted over 30 minutes wi too long, I am leaving out the preliminaries like Nijahngappan greeting Ranga garu in Telugu and the latter esponding in Komada. The Congress Present then ex-How am I going to overhear pressed his liking for Cumtur

> > My hear sank at the mention

Ranga asked Ngalingappa

Shankar's Weekly 17 August 1969

on campage against the Com-thing and not Ranga. If in 1972, unless the struction, then de-1) Can then jointh plan out in return he should offer some or positions. I will reture in 1970 the Presidential election and so ter of fact, I am not after office How does it help? queried to ask for his parties support in ship before August 169 As a mat-He had gone to Ranga's place to lose the Congress Presidentom husy noy off glass woll?

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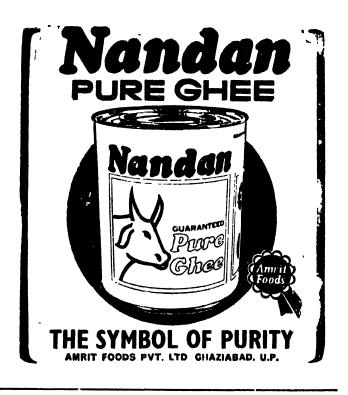
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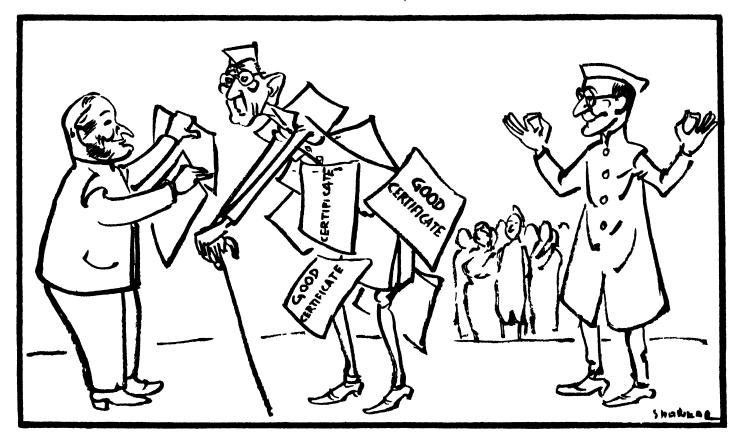
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Stray thoughts on I-Day

The Revolution (political)

We salute the Russian Revolucountries foot the bill

The Revolution (silent)

The Indian Revolution is really made up of many. Even the Soviet Union has accepted the position that each country has the right to make its own revo- ed as being green with jealousy measure of confusion, and ex- put on a par with pensioners of lution its own way. But our case The revolution here is literally tremism. The other day in the the Indian Civil Scivice has met is something special in the sense green. The leaders of the Green. Bombay docks, quantities of im- with some resistance. Most Civil that we have asserted the right. Revolution are men like Jagn- ported, foodgrains, lying, un- Servants join private sector com-

People have misunderstood others. We have the Charkha contacts with tions to all these countries to speak of the silent revolution our arms in friendship express our solidarity with their But nobody will define it or revolutions, so long as the host give out its secrets, because it is essentially a silent one and ic- ble up then children we have made enough sale to drive the sents being talked about. While known the Russian Revolution to British away. The revolutionawe are free to mention it, the have done it But the Green Re- ries did not top at common salt, less said about it the better

The Revolution (green)

to make a number of revolu- wan Ram, Fakhruddin Ali Ah- cleared got wet in the rain and panies on retirement. The revo

tions most of them, our own racel and others who have quest began to sprout. The Green Reway, and some the way of noned President Analingappa's volution had swing into extreour general conservatism for an Revolution, the Ambar Charkler Phose who think that the Green infantale disorder which was apathy for revolutions. Far from Revolution, the Indian Administ-Revolution is a matter of raisbeing apathetic, we are very trative Service and other allied ing more foodgrun are mistakenthusiastic about revolutions Services (Class I) Revolution on Man does not live by grain the returng ICS Revolution the done And certainly not by rais tion, the Cuban Revolution, the Gymkhana Club Revolution and it all on his own lands. In American Revolution, the revo- (which later came to be known this era of interdependence, at which has revolutionales delutions of the many sundry coun- as the Great Indian Socialist Re-least to maintain proper inter-manding pension for themselves ties that have come up in the volution) and so on. But the most initional relations it is necessary last twenty two years in the same important of these is the Silent to import food to seek aid and manner in which we have come Revolution. There is hardly an to give an opportunity to our volutions are. Old revoluup ourselves. We send delega- Indian leader who does not friends to humiliate us and twist from ites hold an annual get to-

> volution lets its children eat its they went in to make saltpc-self up instead. And like tre. The Overmoent has put all revolutions the Green Revo-quite a few of them on pension, Sometimes a person is describ- lution also brings in its wake a though the demand that they be

reactionaries mism Lemm had called this an tine because all the sprouts shravelled away

Lae Revolutionaries

Ours is the first country and jobs for their children. It only shows how orderly our regether to recall pd — about the crude country books they made Revolutions everywhere gob- just in case Gardhiji hadn't

The States

India had a number of prin

polarisation

ed that they too be given a tegrated into states unions by bigger states. We are not sure if confederate with the Malappushare of company directorships the late Saidar Patel. The 1c- this was a happy process. We tam District Eastern UP might Perhaps in the coming years, sult was that most of the print are against small companies join become a colony of the Western with the socialist revolution ces became frustrated and join- ing up and becoming big and half Chandigarh might be diachieving Iresh victories, there ed the Swatantra Party. What bigger companies, we are against vided with a Berlin style wall are chances of this demand he- was the secret ambition of Sar- newspaper chains, against—the running right across ing made and its being conced- dai Patel? All-knowing Western—same connecting appearing in The Industries journalists feel that the Saidar all the newspapers So mireperhaps wanted to hasten the cent times we have been trying to have states within states The small states joined toge. Assam for instance, is going to don't believe in making too

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The Industries

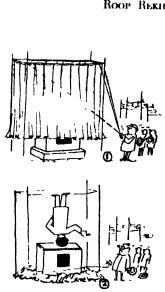
Our industries have taken after the silent revolution Thev much noise, and instead of captams of industry we have contact men. Our industrialist be-lieves more in buying and reselling than in the messy job of making things. This reluctance is explained by his deep philosophical understanding, as well as by his appreciation of the international scene where everyone is interdependent. He would like, in short, to be a commission agent. That is why parties hke the Swatantia are in for rude shocks. If it suits our philosophically inclined industrialists, they would strike a deal with United Front governments Everything would depend on the percentage

Socialism

For the last one hundred vears or more we have believed in socialism But August 12 onwards there was a sudden realisation that socialism was the only way Socialism, therefore was brought about in a week's time, which is about the shortest time it had taken anywhere

But since Rotary Clubs are not being nationalised, the ideology of free enterprise will contime to get an opportunity of being aired

ROOP REKHA





'What has she got that we haven't got?''



PARLIAMENT

Election Echoes

As the pendulum swings from given out, a snowballing cain Deputy Speaker as a matter of cannot adopt double standards one end to the other between paign among Congress MPs for urgent public importance. In and went on to remind the forces in the Congress Parlia- free vote in the Presidential vain did Congress Members led House its discussion on Puri moves, for most Congress Mem-

Parhament. The Congress President's alleged "arrangement" sident's Rule and an opportunity to form a munistry, "therespends or so at least it was election," was admitted by the ly," Mr Khadilkar contended he decided entire the Sale and the Char's getting excited before time sident's Rule and an opportunity of the Char's getting excited before time sident's Rule and an opportunity of the Char's getting excited before time sident's Rule and an opportunity to form a munistry, "there-by jeopardising free and fair Speaker was 'taking sides open-same topic produced little heat by its ly," Mr Khadilkar contended he But a more detailed opportunity of the ly," Mr Khadilkar contended he but a more detailed opportunity of the ly," Mr Khadilkar contended he but a more detailed opportunity of the ly," Mr Khadilkar contended he but a more detailed opportunity of the ly," Mr Khadilkar contended he but a more detailed was produced by the ly," Mr Khadilkar contended he but a more detailed was produced by the ly," Mr Khadilkar contended he become a so at least it was produced by the ly," Mr Khadilkar contended he but a more detailed was produced by the ly," Mr Khadilkar contended he but a more detailed was produced by the ly," Mr Khadilkar contended he but a more detailed was produced by the ly, "Mr Khadilkar contended he but a more detailed was produced by the ly," Mr Khadilkar contended he but a more detailed was produced by the ly," Mr Khadilkar contended he but a more detailed was produced by the ly, "Mr Khadilkar contended he but a more detailed was produced by the ly," Mr Khadilkar contended he but a more detailed was produced by the ly," Mr Khadilkar contended he but a more detailed was produced by the ly, "Mr Khadilkar contended he but a more detailed was produced by the ly," Mr Khadilkar contended he but a more detailed was produced by the ly, "Mr Khadilkar contended he but a more detailed by the ly," Mr Khadilkar contended he but a more detailed by the ly, "Mr Khadilkar contended he but a more detailed by the ly," Mr K

mentary Party, the deep sha- election, which means a vote by Hamimanthaiyya try to Shankaracharya's statements dows of the Presidential elec- against the Syndicate and Mi block a discussion Mi Khadil- The walk-out and the Contion fell on Parliament too Neelam Sanjiva Reddy Simul- kai in the Chair was quite firm gress Member's remarks against Members have shown little re-taneously the sight of a split in on his ruling that the issue the Chair underscored the lish in debating such mildly con-the ruling party started specu-involved election. To the high-thange that has come about in troversial legislations like the lations in the other camps about est office under Cold Control (Amendment). Bill mid-term elections and the pos-tion, and there should be no ponent, the Congress Party. The or the Press Council Bill. In a sible dissolution of the Fourth ground for pressure or undue Law Minister who replied to

bers it has been "Come what contest had rolled down into on the Government in opportu- Mr. Nijaling ippa had issued a come may Time and the hour the Lok Sabha even on Thuisruns through the roughest day" day last as the SSP leader MaBy midweek all attention had shifted to the scene of the Armageddon in the Congress Parmageddon in the Congress Parmageddo liamentary Party, which hap-fluence the Bihar MLAs to Patil) he led a number of Con-Sannya Reddy was going to be pens to be the Central Hall of vote for Mr Sannya Reddy by gress Members in a walk-out elected and the SSP leader was

week of growing suspense and Lok Sabha before the expiry of influence on any platform be-the calling attention notice by tension, moves and counter its full term in greaterised in this election declaring that there is a nothing moves, for most Congress Mem
The echoes of the Presidential He had therefore actually giv- for the House to liseuss since

Elders when the report of the discussed. Unlike the Lok Sc. bha which had decided quit carly in the ession that cand dates in the elections shoulnot be discussed on the floor c the House the Elders seemed to take a more a liberal view of Party According to Mr. Daliya- cris statement that 'some peo-

Committee of Defections was members could see 'what is go- Communist leader of defectors

fections in the light of what cently It was not clear if he was fre, he mused was happening to the Congress flattered by the Swatantia lea-

dential election came for the most opportune time to dis- is Rajya Sabha and Rajya Sabha the ruling party, but his advice cuss the report on defections, as is Bhupesh Gupta". But the that the whip should not be in mg to happen to the Congress brought into the discussion Mi Party in the next few days? To Nijalingappa's talks with Swa- voting against their party if it him the question was as it go-tantia and Jana Saugh leaders was a matter of conscience for ing to be a party of Congress- for an electoral understanding" them sounded topical, no doubt men or is it going to be a party and decried it as "moral defeetion At this rate, the Congress President might seek

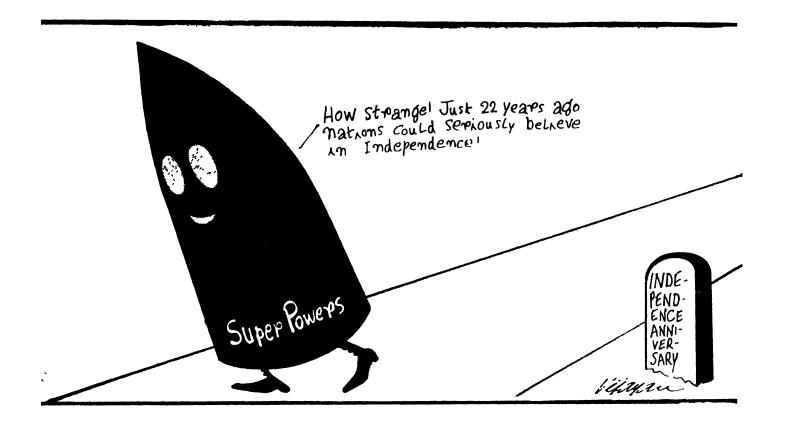
mity for discussion of the Presi- ohar Patel (Swatantra) it was a ple' think that "Bhupesh Gupta rectly refer to the rumpus in promptly discriminately used and that you cannot prevent people from

Meanwhile, in the midst of their rights and at least some of Mr. Bhupesh Gupta wouldn't form a Syndicate-Swatantia- this spiralling controversy and them proceeded to analyse de let the occasion pass that inno- Jana Sangh alliance at the Cen- tension, Mr. G. S. Dhillon has quietly ascended the Chan as Speaker of the Lok Sabha with-Mr M C Chagla did not di- out any opposition Among the tributes paid to him, Mr P Ramamurthy's comment that Mr Dhillon must be a brave man to accept the difficult post of Speakership in these times seemed to apply equally to the turbulent nature of the House as well as to the quiet efficiency of the new Speaker And promptly Mr Dhillon has set about not only excreising his restraining influence on agitated Members, but also introducing more or-der in the proceedings of the House Whether his efforts to streamline the question hour and calling attention notices to dispose of more questions and to discourage Members from putting longwinded queries would succeed or fail in the face of unbridled passions remams however to be seen

> But the healing touch was evident when he disposed of a privilege motion by Mr Lakkappa against the reported remarks of the Congress President characterising the Central Hall of Parliament as a "funny hall" The Speaker did not underestimate the point of the Member about the sanctity of the Hall where the Constituent Assembly had met He, however, pointed out that "this Hall did not know that the Members will be using it as a coffee room or as a lounge or even as party room" If there is a party meeting it is converted into a party room. If there is a meeting for coffee, tea or lassi it is converted into a lounge The Hon Member had never raised any question about the sanctity of the Hall being preserved Why should he, therefore, raise it now?" the Chan asked On that the Opposition seemed to relapse into satisfied silence



ABSENIEF CALLERYMAN



Cycle Counter Cycle

THAT ebb and tide is the lot spend to pull out of the slump. the next tyeoons turn purpos author of the new idea cried half-constructed Recovery filling them! Fortunately war not as spectacular hoom once again, and finally performed much the same the crash. It is almost never function as the digging of that demand beautifully holes suggestion of a dismayed matches supply, once there is a surfert of the former, and another time there is a shortfall vigilant and step in to breig the decided 'digging of boles. the cycle

of capitalism is quite an Several were the suggestions ancient truth. Business which and interminable, the debute booms one moment shrinks by desperation Keynes the and mills and mansions are left 'Spend on digging holes and would again be as sure, though intervened, and the urgent task Then the of cutting each others threats Keynes

latest digging of graves almost amounted to the Keynesian low of business activity solution of digging holes!

With cold and bot wars no lorger fashionable and throwaway aid not palatable either what from now on would be the counter-cyclical policy? The Keynesian solution literally?

For an answer, let us get back for a minute to the carbest extant evidence of the After the war, demand and theory of the business cycle Impressed by the reculcitrancy supply showed signs of falling. This theory looked to the of demand, the suggestion came apart, and this time it was celestial world to account for during the slump of the 30's widely feared that their was the terrestrial fluctuations in that government should be no way out of the slump but fortune. Let no one imagine that this theorist was an astroloharmony in the marriage be- Luckily the cold war curie, or ger masquerading is econotween supply and demand, was it invented due to the re-mist! W.S. Jevons was a very on the mon a cost of whenever need be. If demand vulsion to digging holes. In serious economist, who would \$21,000 mile on. This amount is short, let government raise any case demand was matched rise aghast from his grave at loes not make sense to you its expenditure, if demand is with supply once more through the suggestion! He thought and me usel it is realized that too much, let government the making of armaments and that the sun spots hold the key it is equiv, ent to what is conspend less. A evelical budget- to be on the safe side, through to the business evel. There is templated as our Fourth Five ary policy, so to say, to counter a little throwing away of aid a known cycle in the activity year Plan outlay. Admittedly Slump thus prevented, the ca the sun as shown by spots the amount is less than one stockpile of ammunition led to of varying intensity. Sun spots per cent of the United States.

The question was then raised some hot wars also. First in affect the haivests, propounded GNP but a dozen haidmes on what government should the series was Korea and, the Jevons, and haivests affect on Moon and Mars in one year.

Vict Nam, where the industry at a second, remove And so we have the high and celestrally ordained on us as it were! The last hugh is of the astrologer after all!

> Jevous's fellow conomists were sensitive to being classed with astrologers. Also the economist doth not get his bread by one theory, alon ! So a dozen theories followell, none reaching only space, of which the Keyneam one is still in vogue. But with man escaping from the receits of his habitat could the business cycle theory remain terrestrial for long?

Remember mer has landed

The counter-cyclical potential of space travels is then clear If a recession is forecast raise. if a slump shows signs of sitting in nonethcless further escalate the space travels. If inflation is thir itened do not land man on Moon or Mars is: space programme. It does a Norther need be a neit job

would be quite sizable even to war fought nor holes dug, nor meney given away to the ungrateful

right in looking up into space business evele, as the votary of the classics would no doubt clam in good time in a recontemplated! The important suspected the cause of the cycle

The Moon Is Safe

A GOOD deal is being writ-

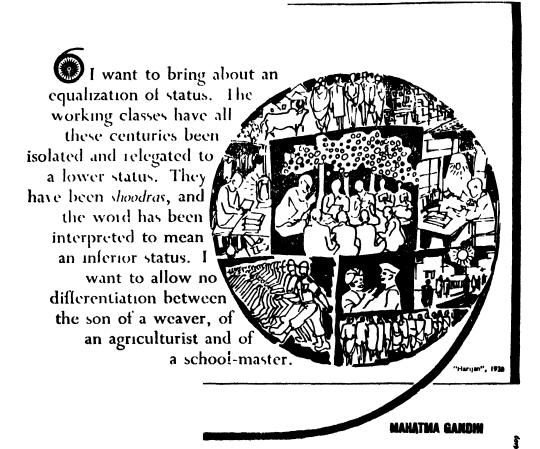
And fools are wasting useful ten about the economics of newspaper space - which could Jevons, then was basically the moon adventure. Upper be filled with luscious details Division clerks are asking Pan- of harrowing murders - by the number of planet landings, to uniavel the mysteries of the wallas was it worth it? Major- telling readers that poverty Generals are telling Brigadiers and squalor could be fought that the venture would have a with the effort made to fetch devastating effect on the morale a bit of rock from a barren of subalterns. Only three satellite. What is the use of interpretation! While Jevons herees have been produced, fighting poverty etc on one contemplated! The important suspected the cause of the cycle with money spent which would planet only? How do you thing therefore is to devise and Liv in space it is the cause that have financed natty little skir-know that animals reared on keep ready a counter cyclical has lain hidden there! mishes over a wide front and methanic and animonia on the made countless heroes dead South Polai Region of Mars are not dying by their thousands from a threatening paralysis of computerisation within their DNAs - or DNAs Martian equivalent Perhaps a few bursts of hydrogen bombs there would make all the difference wherefore, let us continue, to make more of such, and of rockets which would deliver them

> Some people—seem to think that mankind is unconsciously perhaps, finding a passage to the moon for the safe-keeping the greatest blessing to ianity private enterprise Recent events have filled the minds of great thinkers, not only in India but throughout the free world with grave forebodings Anything might happen here on earth. Private institutions might overnight become the playthings of the people. Its moon is still safe So bury within a big-sized crater in the Sea of tranquillity an authentic account of Free Enterprise so that even if socialism were to cover atl lands on carth, the secret of FE's rebuth may be discovered by some lone ranger on the moon

But, friends these are not it The real cause of the moontrip, and the trips to come is none of these. The real purpose is astrological. All astrologers know that the cvil workings of the minds of unbelievers are throwing up creatic radiation waves. These waves are affecting the calculations of the best of our astrologers But the moon is still safe. The influence of the stars and planets are not there menaced by the thick fog of materialism So up fellows Watch the laser reflections and make the moon your ally is predicting the rise and fall of socialism

Maulana Khafi Khan

Equality of status





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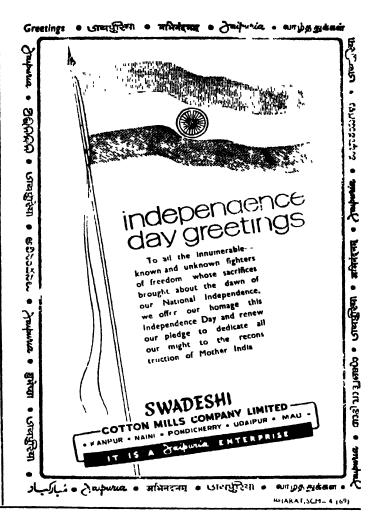
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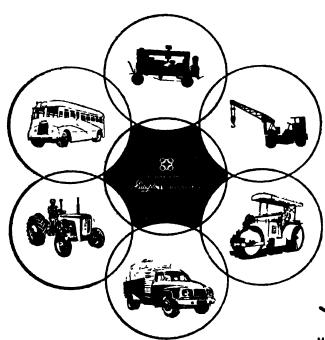
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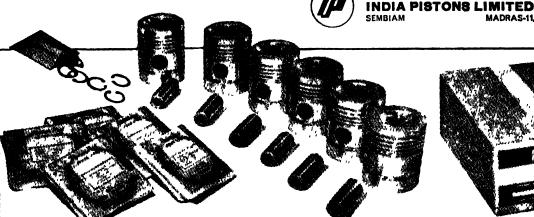
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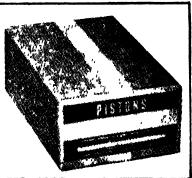
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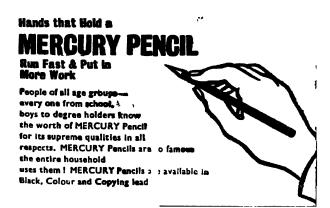
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The Sepoy Mutiny, 1969

IN his confidential report to Jyou Basu has compared the Mutiny of July 31 is one of the Legislative Assembly was a lo-West Bengal Police invasion of most significant inflestones of gical step in a greater plan the the Legislative Assembly with the proletariat mass movement ambitious plan to capture New the Armed Uprising of 1857 says a report

The report says that the Central Secretariat of the Commuasked Mr. Jyoti Basu, the Home Minister of West Bengal, to submit a full report on the incident

Mr Basu has reportedly submitted that the "Sepoy Mutiny" of July 31 was a "milestone" in

The following is, according to the Bhartiya Samachar Confedcration, the full text of his con- corresponding public feeling fidential report.

Gentlemen

what not.

Without any undue modesty the Central Secretariat, Mr. let it be claimed that the Sepoy rect - reading Tilvasion - of the of India Indeed, perhaps second. Delhi. The details of the blue only to the Sepoy Revolt of print are as below 1857

It is an incident which would nist (Marxist) Party of India had go down in the history as the greatest turning point of the Communist campaign in India and may I say, the first concrete evidence of the conditions maturing for the revolution?

It is readily conceded that by the proletariat mass movement denying arms to the participatof India, and in order of signi-ficance "perhaps second" only spectacle and the colour was al-to the "Sepoy Revolt" of 1857 ready killed But the austerny was obligatory in view of the Gandhi Centenary Year and the

The hardlmers of the Party can still argue that this was a Sorry for the arch-bourgeois brilliant stroke on the part of address. But the perversion of the West Bengal Government, brilliant stroke on the part of the vocabulary must be paidon- which was otherwise going soft ed when one has to indulge in and confirming to the style of parliamentary government and hourgeous parliamentary government.

This would be a totally meor-

- i Forming leftist coalition governments in various States
- n Giving rise to general popular discontent against the self-same government,
- m Deserting the govern ment in time to lead the coalition government.
- iv Capturing the State Government and the formation of pure Communist Government,
- Strategic encircling of New Delhi by West Bengal, Kerala etc
- go on the import of air- a solution sooner than later conditioners and luxury cars into New Delhi re-

sulting in the total para lysis of the Central Administration

and vm. The final takeover of the New Delhi Govt atself

The conditions in Calcutta have once again proved the infallibility of Mary-of the dietum that revolutions first take place in the society industrially most advanced. We need only now apply Mao's thoughts -the enencling of the city by the friendly villages and of New Della by the Communist States

Lastly only one problem repopular discontent Lastly only ore problem reagainst the rest of the mains Whom to blanc for the so-called police indiscipline? All the parties of West Bengal are already in the palition. Only the Congress remains out But after mell-cient. Congress rule for so long one would find it hard to believe that the Congress could do such an efficient and faultless job Anyway Putting complete embai- sciely, we would be up with

JASANI MLHES

Space Jargon

MRS GANDIH'S superb sense hanging from a rafter tear was shed as all eyes were tronalisation. So here goes

eclipsing Moon landing period the imagination of all people for the launching of her earth that one is tempted to use space satellite—the bank nationalisa- jargon to describe even the mun-

of course Socialism

tre, the thrust vector directional Command Service Module. It control fell into the hands of was our good fortune that the of tuning chose the all-Space travel has so captured some West Coast Johnnies so some Moon landing period the imagination of all people "All Systems uere not Go" all the time

Towards 1960, the nose-cone As a result not a dance details of Bank Na- of the rocket separated itself from its materialistic hind half then focussed on the Moon No. Ever since the Congress Sat- and was once again on its way offense is meant when we draw urn Rocket on nationalisation to the Moon But by now the explanation of what comprised a parallel from 'Ohyer' where was fired in 1928, the gravita- Ground Control had shifted in the last scene the Artful tional pull of our Capitalist from Wardha to New Delhi CM (Command Service Module) Dodger picks a picket while dharri mata has always been where the systems did not work all eyes are turned on the tugging it to change course on account of chappies being diama overhead of Bill Sykes The Moon of our desires was preoccupied with border skir-

mishes, all but forgetting the At the Wardha Control Cen- nose cone of the rocket and the Commander knew a thing or two about the manual control system, hence he was able to eject the last stage of the rocket cone under the Kamaraj firing plan and all was well.

Here we must pause for an at the end of which was the LM (Landing Module)

As it was leaving the earth's gravitational field, the manual controls fell into the hands of Mrs Gandhi with some fellows called Turks as co-pilots. Soon, in the Limai Landing Module, there materialised a species known as the Syndicate

CM assumed that LM would do the Moon landing Once in moon orbit, the Syndicate undocked then LM and the telemetry indicated that the needful would be done

But the LM had other ideas It went into a pericynthion (perilune or low point in lunar orbit) and instead of saying "Roger" to Ground Control, the LM barked back that the Moon was not good enough for EVA (extra vehicular activity) and could they redock for the earth return?

CM via Ground Control, replied in spine-chilling terms

No redocking please Am going to ignite ascent propulsion system From now on you are on you own You have failed Have decided to try Moon landing myself without the aid of your spider-like legs Ignite your LH (local horizonal) if you like, for a trip to Mars

At the splash-down, upside down, on the Godavari, no questions were asked about the LM. The fact remained that an at-tempt was made to land on the Moon The attempt was the thing. We could wait for Lunar samples later, perhaps in the next attempt when the young Turks would travel with a bigger payload. So far as the present attempt went, the descent was a beautiful burn. Burn time was 48 hours We are mighty proud of you fellows! It was scientific curiosity that propelled you into space, and perhaps when some day you head for Mars think of the Syndicate which may be still in helpless orbit there.

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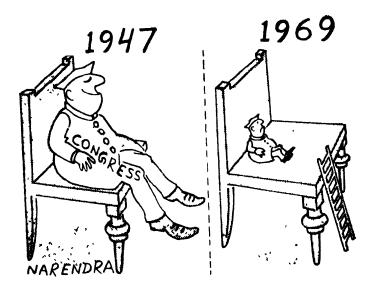
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Will democracy do?

this country. It has been under not be recalled before the end jornty even today are not what fire since its inception, the leftist of their term howsoever unparties have no patience with worthy they may prove of the community. But we today pro-its slow-moving pace, the right trust reposed in them, howso-duce far more than what we tists of course dislike it for the ever flagrantly they may flout did twenty years ago, there are obvious reasons. The uncom- the mandates of their electors the rampage as the years have mediocrity, brashness and a to-rolled on since Independence, tal lack of scruples, no wonder and they blame it all on demo- people with any sense of decencracy This has led to a wide- cy recoil from it with horror failed and it is time some expedient, some make-shift arrangement, were devised to mitigate the ills that afflict us

I for one do not share this feeling. For one thing, the question of its success or failure does not seem to be quite relevant. To some of us democratic freedoms count for a great deal more than progress in merely material terms It is not that I am unaware-in fact, I am too painfully aware - of the evils inherent in democracy or such forces in our society as make its smooth functioning wellnigh impossible It is a fact only well-known that democracy does not always throw up the right kind of leadership The electorates being what they are ,-ignorant, emotional or gullible -they cannot always be relied upon to choose their representa-

wanted in its detractors in worse, these representatives canthat have been increasingly on success in a political career are

way to making a mockery of de-population growth

And yet things have not turned out too badly. Even in purely material terms the achievements of democracy even in this cal awareness in the public, by negligible. Let alone the artifitowns, one cannot miss the signs of all-round progress in the DEMOCRACY has never two judiciously What makes it countryside Granted that the living standards of a great mathey should be in any civilized more things to go round, there has been a sizeable merease in to be fed

This phenomenal rise in po-

unimaginative, completely ali- be a demographer to know that enated from the people and the population of India has grossly impervious to their urges nearly doubled during these and aspirations. They are a twenty years and, if any thing, closed circle, leading a charmed the rate of increase is likely to life answerable to none, access be accelerated in the years to sible to a privileged few, and come This is no fauciful concompletely shut off from the jecture on my part, there are din and noise of the streets and good solid reasons to support the market-place, then prime this expectation And paradoxiconcern is to safeguard jealous- eal as it might appear, it is the ly their privileges and preroga-institution of democracy itself, tives of which they have God's based as it is on universal adult own plenty. Between the two of franchise, which will prove the them-the politicians and the prime factor in bringing about bineaucrats—they are on a fair this acceleration in the rate of

It seemed for a time that this threat of population explosion could be averted by means of education, a heightened politi short period are by no means a widespread use in living standards and, above all, by a detercial spendour of the cities and mined effort by the Government to check the growth of popula-tion. But this hope has been behed inspite of the huge Family Planning set-up and the marathon campaign launched by the Government to publicise and popularise birth control techniques Notwithstanding the impressive statistics issued from time to tune by the Family Planning Department, it is obdismayed by the inefficiency, seem to have become a tacket, national health. Of course, this gain in national wealth is to a state of the qualities that make for large extent offset by the hourly or in the villages. In fact, among additions of the mouths that are to be fed there is positive hostility to this idea They are too deeply rooted in age-old tradition to shake spread feeling that the democ- lnept political leadership in pulation poses a serious problem of the idea that a large progeratic experiment in India has turn leads to the dominance and and well might prove the rock my is a blessing and that it is



"He suggests a fleet of amphibian cars for ministers to combat the floods"

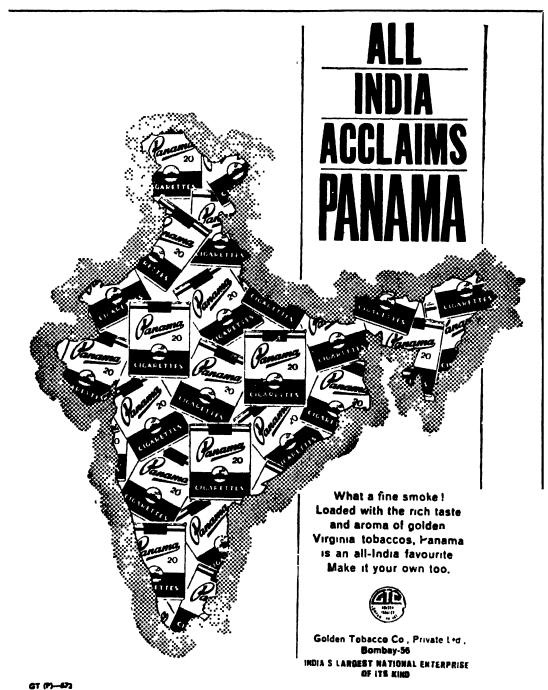
anything else afterwards. The litical dominance the faster a feared, will topple the Ministry

It is a shaineful thing to con-pense of others And strength in ties and eastes are represented less that we Indians are yet a a democratic set-up, so runs the strictly in accordance with their long way off from thinking in common belief, comes from numercial strength and the slinational terms-Indians first and numbers and in the race for po- ghtest tilt in the balance, it is

most of their physical capacity feeling of nationhood, in so far community or caste multiplies. It is a most pernicious trend; But it it not indifference or as it exists, is too feeble to with- the greater its chances of survi- nevertheless, it is there How hostility to the idea of planned stand the force of group interest val as a political force. This it is going to impinge on parenthood which really bothers or the interest of one's own feeling receives no little encour- the working of democracy me This kind of resistance could community, easte or sect Instead agement and justification from its more than I can say, though be worn down by persistent pro- of becoming, with the advent of the manner in which we see it strikes at the very root paganda and proper education Independence, an integrated party tickets being given at the of secular democracy to which But the real danger hes else- nation engaged in the pursuit time of General Elections or in we are committed. But where, democracy itself turns of common purposes and tasks, the manner in which Ministries whether democracy can survive out to be the largest contribu- we are caught up in a frenzied are formed A well-balanced Mi- these fissiparous tendencies is tory factor in population growth effort to strengthen our own nistry or Legislature party is not what concerns me at the community or caste at the ex- one in which all the community moment If the right of franchise serves as an inducement, as it does seem to be doing, to . communities and castes to increase their numerical strength with a view to gaining political ascendancy there is bound to be a population explosition the like of which has never been witnessed anywhere at any time in history It is an appalling prospect, imagination boggles at the thought that in a not very distant future there will come about such a wide and unbridgeable gap between our national income and our population that what kind of set-up we have, democratic or otherwise, will scarcely matter The question that stares us in the face is whether we can at all survive as a nation

> What we need, therefore is some desperate remedy to meet this desperate situation. To my mind the only thing which can deter men from this dangerous course of swelling the number of their own respective caste or community is to have a restricted franchise based on property qualification This will not only act as a deterrent but also as a strong inducement to people to raise the living standards of their community which can best be achieved by a drastic control and regulation of the buth-rate in their community. Smaller families will ensure higher standards of living and proportionately large number of votes for the respective communities

> This might appear a very undemocratic and retrogressive step, but the interests of democracy, and of national survival itself, demand that we make do with a limited democracy untisuch time as we learn to think in national terms and to subordinate our own group or caste or regional loyalties to the larger loyaty that we owe to the coun-



S. K. NARAIN

Ashoka and the Banks

IT was a weird triangle-the controlled by the kitchen Only peror Ashoka, the Syndicate and were running him down Some the banks. Whether the Syndi- of the pro-kitchen political corcate's manocuvies to topple him respondents of big-businesshastened bank nationalisation or owned tock-edicts were, in fact, his decision to take over the loyal to the Emperor and even prevented me from becoming banks brought his confrontation suggested nationalisation of all with the Syndicate nearer is a rock-ediets. The big business, matter of metaphysics

understanding of high finance of rock space in the country and was a little woolly. For one the kitchen sector controlled the thing, he never went to the remaining 10 per cent. The London School of Economics, kitchen nocks had the govern urlike the kitchen economists ment's pationage in the form of who advised him. All he knew classified notifications but the big business, promoted primi- business were more strategically tive accumulation of capital (in located and attracted a larger Ashoka's days was kitchen- advertisements oriented and even the focus of political power and decision- peror wanted to proclaim bank tives were holding out. There (vegetarian) kitchen It was a Cabinet decision but the noticonflict of two alternative paths fication had to be held up for of development-one based on want of rock space), he came ched them for medium and friendly, disinterested socialist up against the monopoly rock sector, and the other based on not sell the government an for needs of the kitchen sector classical capitalist production inch of space to publish the The pattern of credit distriburelationships, depending on Ordinance on bank nationalisation showed no change western aid with invisible strings tion. The Emperor had to proattached

relationship between Em- the big business rock-edicts atter of metaphysics with the help of primitive But to be sure, the Emperor's money, controlled 90 per cent

So much so, when the Em

of these tendentions writings. The monopolists employed slick copy writers for their rockedicts paid them huge expense accounts, pampered them with perquisites which the kitchen sector could not afford

I am not a communist," the Emperor declared in one of his edicts "But nobody could have one 'Bank nationalisation had nothing to do with communism or socialism. It had to be done to put the Syndicate in its place. and deprive it of sources of pohtical funds

But bank nationalisation was the beginning and not the end of the Emperor's problems. The : kitchen sector did not have the was that banks, controlled by rocks controlled by the big trained cadre to replace the executives who owed allegiance to big business. In fact, this had the sense K Marx would under- readership because they had held back bank nationalisation stand it) The economy of cornered all the matrimonial in the past. With nationalisation, banks had come under the kitchen sector but the execumaking had shifted to the nationalisation (if was a snap were numerous reports of bank managers being discourteous to kitchen-gardeners who approashort term credits, despite the aid and an expanding kitchen space. The monopolists would government's declared priority

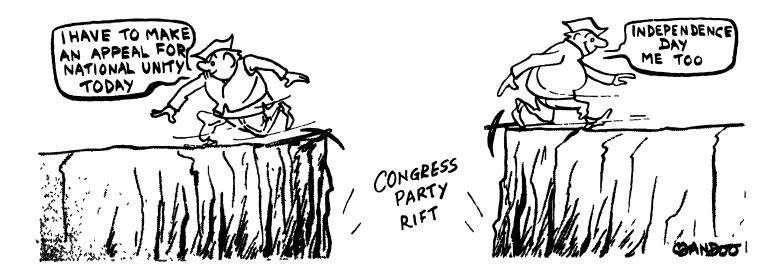
The banks are out to sabotclaim it by word of mouth. This age the kitchen economy, the In sum, the kitchen symbolis-explains why not a single tock- Emperor wailed. "The cure for ed everything. Any political edict proclaiming the greatest ills of nationalisation is social party or any rock-ediet news- socialist measure in lustory is to control. And bank nationalisa paper was judged by where it be found On the contrary, there tion is final, inevocable and stood—on which side of the kit- are scores of rock-edicts devot- complete like the allotment of a chen, to its right or the left ed to running down bank na-government house for me," said decided to nationalise them Ninety-five per cent of the peo- tionalisation and the kitchea the wise one who had emerged once again ple supported. Ashoka, as he sector in general and there is from his long, political wilderclaimed in one of the rock-edicts. little doubt about the source ness via a by-election fought



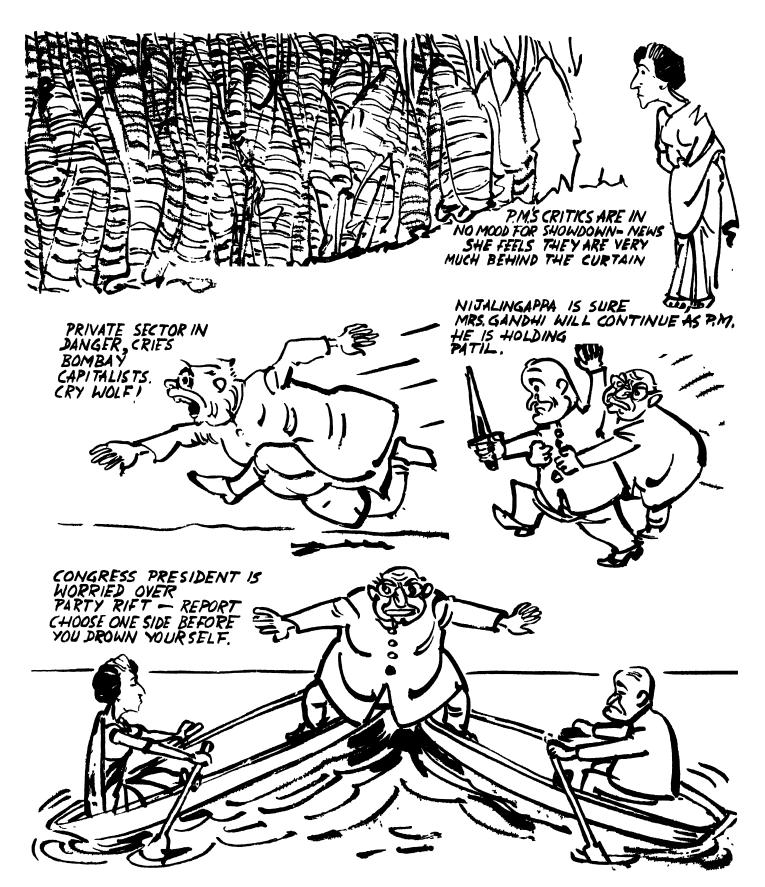
primarily to retain possession of the house 'Social control is nationalisation and much more," he had said years ago to ration abse the Emperor's failure to nationalise banks. Whether social control preceded nationalisation or followed it remained to be determined

The Emperor was now fighting the banks which the Syndicate seemed to have infiltrated The banks were subverting the government, trying to topple him, the Emperor feared So he

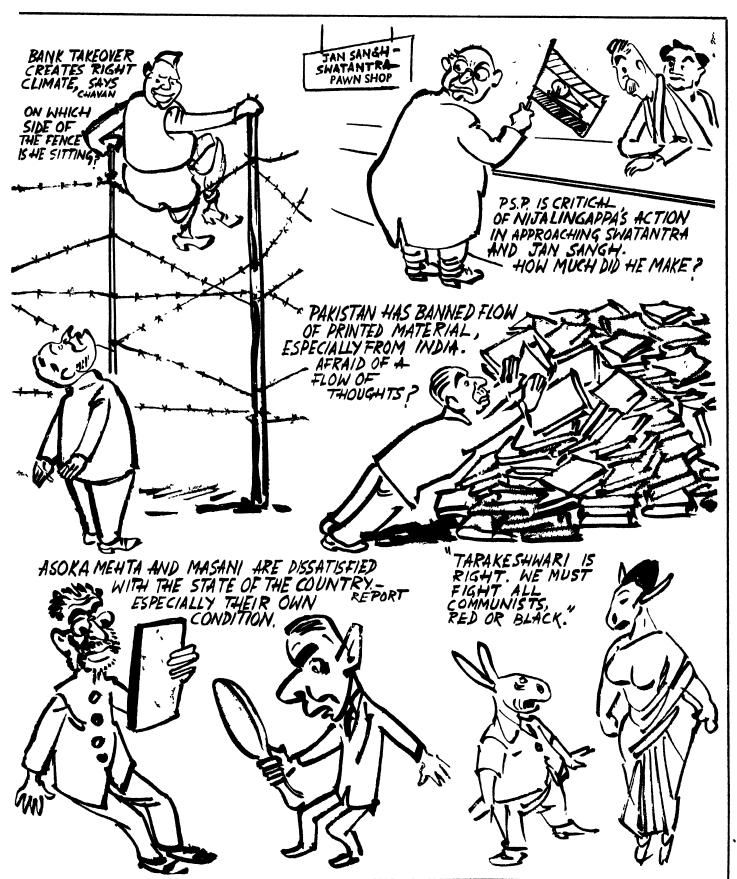
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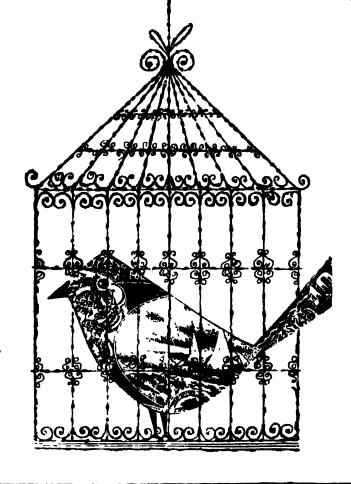
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The Justice of Tzu Tzutong

IN the dim and distant, hoary hensible misfortune of the Just past, there ruled supreme over Grasping Underlings! Tzu Tzu- queried the King the Land of the Luckless a most tong was Just, but he was also magnificent monarch. And this Trustful And his misplaced Overlord was astoundingly sage and sagacious, and he went by the musical and melodious name disaster and dreadful deathly of Tzu Tzutong. Mighty and was this Sovereign. A head but him, and in next to no time it was separated from its trunk And yet what head could ever think of such fatal sin? Not one in the vast Land of the Luckless But let it be proclaimed loud and clear that this Incarnation of Strength was Just. Justice was the great principle by which His Celestial Majesty King and Emperor Tzu Tzutong of the Land of the Luckless governed himself and his farflung realms Indeed, Justice was the God of the Land, and golden idols of Justic sat enshrined in the countless temples and fanes throughout the length and breadth of the empire, and people prostrated themselves before them, and these people were happy, for milk and honey flowed through the fair fields of the Delightful Domain

Alas, the Lord Almighty often puts His most dedicated devotees to tests Even such is Divine Dispensation! And the tragic test to which He once subjected the subjects of King Tzu Tzutong was that of Hunger And this is the story of that test inscribed in the Immortal Annals of Tzutong.

The season of the waters came along. But the heavens remained blue and unclouded Not a drop of water fell from the cerulean dome upon the Land beneath And the Land dried up and was parched and it got cracked up. True there were tanks and tarns and lakes and ponds and wells and canals in the Land by the thousand But they had gone to rack and ruin, for the mandarine ir charge of them had sorely and selfishly neglected them The silver that ought to have been expended in keeping them m good repair had slipped into the bottomless pockets of the one who lusted after lucre. Ah, woe! It appears to be the incompre-

his people into the jaws of dire

"Sire," moaned the Court the mandarins menacing, powerful and panic- Philosopher unto the King one come, and there is drought, and whipered a syllable against hunger is stalking the Land, and palaces of the opulent and the of Mount Moon, and therein we

and hazy, olden and ancient Suzerains to be cursed with vons of water in my kingdom?"

Trustful And his misplaced the private ones are few and as Our own Self trust in his officials had thrust barred to the dying." And the Court Philosopher narrated upto the potent King the misdeeds of

striking, fearful and formidable day, "the rains have failed to Tzutong the Just, with an ome- unto the imperial Guizimin now, nous flare in his royal eyes. "We are retiring unto our Temfood lies rotting inside the ple of Thought up the heights her royal master bones of the poor lie rotting shall contemplate, and we will Queen outside them." see And the proclamation shall "Bec. see And the proclamation shall

"But the innumerable reser- go forth that the while we are in our state of contemplation, our Queen, the Great Ginzimus, "The public ones are useless, shall be unto the Kingdom even

"August Queen, a man hes dying in the Emerald Grove. "We will see," intoned Tzu the Court Philosopher keened Power Supreme in the Land of the Luckless in the absence of

"And why?" asked

"Because of hunger and



thust"

No one dies of hunger and dv must be found." thust in our blessed land?

Many thousands are dying out the remedy." today and many thousands are already dead, and that through Power' hunger and thirst, Queen" Great

the place

the Grand Queen

min told the Mandarin

ledge," said the Mandarin

"Immortal Empress! When a

"Call unto us the Mandarm of and the Court Philosopher scrat- all the mandarms of the Land fill of fun and frohe, and began And soon the Mandarm of the man was forgotten. But a great Land of the Moon People and place made his obeisance unto achievement, had meanwhile making their gold flow even like "A man lies dying in your dving and the dead in the Land And they failed to ascertain the Donkeys brayed Seminard Grove," Queen Ginzi- of the Luckless had been 10 cog- cause of the man's dying, but The very insects chirped Semiin told the Mandarin mized. People cannot be said to they succeeded in finding the lit has come to my know- be dying or dead unless their Sovereign Remedy for all the by their rulers

has been ascertained, the reme- age to the Land of the Moon NAR. You did not have to do "Ascertain the cause and find the man's dying and to find out SIMINAR! till you were blue in the remedy Consider it done Eternal tered about much gold of the vanished Land of the Luckless And an-And the Mandarm crawled other Mandarm did the same, rms returned to the Land of the way from the Regal Presence, and another, and another, still Luckless after having had their ched his head, and the dying of the Luckless were in the to roar been made. The fact of the water, feasting and having fundying or deaths are recognized alls of this world, whatever then causes This Sovereign Remedy And the Mandarm of the consisted of shouting ceaselessly trouble arises, the cause must be place, not unaccompanied by an and deafeningly the name of an ascertained, and when the cause immense entourage, made a voy- Onimpotent. God called Si-Mi-

And he scat- the face, and your troubles

And, one by one, the Manda-SIMINAR! SIMINAR! SEMINAR! People cehoed SEMI-NAR! Parrots chattered Semi-NAR! Dogs barked Seminar! SEMINAR! NAR! SEMINAR! SEMINAR!

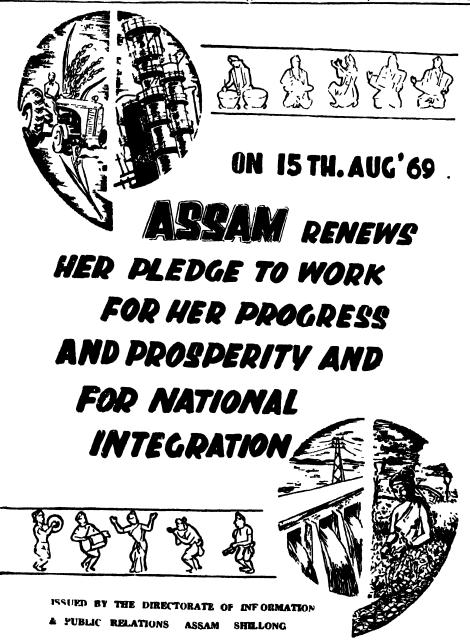
His Puissant Majesty King Tzu Tzutong the Just sat on his Diamond Throne Before him sat all the Mandarins of the Land of the Luckless. And the Royal Master delivered himself of the following

Slaves under Our heel, listen A man lav dying in the Emer ald Grove The Mandarin of the place went to the Land of the Moon People, and all of you went, leaving the dying and the dead behind, to feast and dance abroad at Our cost. And you have come with the magic name of the God Semmar, and many 2 moon has waxed and waned meanwhile You never remembered the dying man, worms! The dying man was Our Own Self playing the part of a dying man We passed a day and a night acting the act of dying And then we went up the height of Mount Moon to contemplate And up there the Lord Seminar manifested Hunself unto us, and commanded unto us to offer Him the sacrifice of all our Mandarins, and then He would send us the waters He has so far withheld from us. He has chosen you all for the sacrifice as you are his greatest devotees Prepare to propinate the LORD SEMINAR!

And in the spacious grounds of the Imperial Palace stood the colossal idol of God Seminar And, one by one, all the Mandarins were put to the sacrificial sword on the altar before Him.

And lo and behold! The Colestial Dome grew dark with clouds, and the waters poured down. They rained throughout the Land of the Luckless, and the Land smiled once more, and the people stopped dying through hunger and thirst, and they were happy.

M A MAZMUDAR





The 'Bomdepopso' Manifesto

had formed the Pi Beta Cuppa polis and, on the other, them, our thing to do is to expand the trat with the avowed objective of weaning first the students and then the whole of London off coffer and cola and inducing them to join the tea set. With the LSE as it is today drinking tea is probably as 'out' as visiting the barber or collecting postage stamps-or studying Economics, for that matter am, therefore, founding another patriotic society, the Bombay De-population Society, this, at least, must not be allowed to be come a lost cause

How do I get the Bomdepopso? Well, BDS makes no sense-if anything, it sounds too much like some political party which we are anything but—and the semi-acronym was fashionable as long back (and as far apart) as Gestapo and Commtern Hence, Bom Depop So, Bomdepopso for short.

And what is the Society's programme? As its name implies, we shall assist in national demographic plans by reducing the population of Bombay Its mem

ALMOST ten years back, while cers will, on the one hand, selves undertake measures to disa student of sorts at the lobby for official remedies ag- courage habitation in Bombay

London School of Economics, I ainst over-people-ing the metro. Among the former, the obvi-

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State run Banks?

I wish it was as easily Done, as said,

But happens so my Pass-

A little in the red

I wish my (negative) saving

Play a national role Help ill-run Super-Markest Serve socialistic goal

For Banks with crores of capital,

It is a problem small, Would one of them please take me on

Over-draft and all?

H R LUTHIRA

Red Triangle The staff in the family planning centres in the city will be exhorted to ply their trade assiduously and diligently Industrialists and other capitalists will be pressurised into giving donations to the cause Fourteen banks will be requested to finance manufacturers of tran-

Inducet methods will also be suggested to the politicians of the State Fissiparous tendencies (Fisstends), long decried as antinational, will come into their Book is rightful own when the real significance of splitting up the State is brought home to shortsighted leaders. If there are four little rashtias instead of one Maharashtia, none having its capital in Bombay unlike the retrograde example of Chandigarh, think of the outflow of Ministers and Sccretaries and Chaptassis! Not to mention haison officers, contact men and other go-betweens and

> The I bby will have international initifactions (Internatrams) A Major Power will be invited to set up an electronic spy station at Santa Cruz For

small rent they will also be give a free hand to members' Dremises

experiments they may care to conduct in the harbour. Then see how the Urbs Prima in India gets evacuated!

activities the Bondepopso will for staying in Bombay

allowed to store cluster bombs own initiative. For example, our adopt bolder measures to scare pagns (whiscamps) that gangand nerve gas cylinders on their doctor members will stockpile away Bombayites. They will fan led by beggar barons are lifting Simultaneously, a the Pill and hand it liberally to student unrest-what a quiet and children off the streets, that a their patients under the guise of Powerful Nation will be offered aspirin, indigestion tablets or is, to be sure, lagging far behind lease of sea space off. Butcher vitamin capsules. Our scientist, the rest of the countryl-and Island for their nuclear subma-members as well as the maharrme base. A blind eye will be shis-ours shall be a broad-basturned to any bacteria-breeding ed society embracing all shades of opinion-will try to get more rain for Bomay, both by cloudspraying techniques and godpraying tactics—the more—the Apart from these public sector vain, the more the dismeentive

studious tribe the Bombay youth Nearby Enemy or a Jealous Nerstart more Senas with magenta shirts, ceries caps or othre pants. The groups will fight each other, destroy public property and make life a misery

scares The smallest cue from current films or newspapers, and

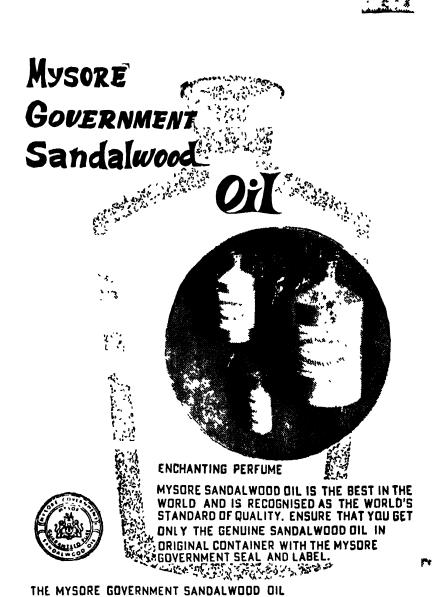
The more adventurous will they will start whisper can ghbour is about to bomb Bombay, that the Island is slipping back into the Arabian Sea at the scientifically alarming rate of a millimetre a millenium

Another method of emptymg the town would be to spread a The individualists among us rumour, on the lines of Wells's will be in charge of raising old Stolen Baccillus or the more recent film-I forget the name, was it Matchless in Plaza?-that the water supply is polluted by the effulgence of some chemical factory or oil refinery. If this is too strong medicine for a squeamish people to stomach, we may merely subvert the water supply department and allow clan destine leakage to unlicensed in dustries or unauthorised agricul tine so that the city is starved of potable water

> Finally, ours being a mixed economy, the theory of joint enterprise can be extended to the programmes of Bomdepopso We shall arrange for special concession for genuine Bombayites migrating to the moon permanently, we shall encourage more cars so that there will be more accidents (leading to pedestrian-depop), more traffic jams (making motorists sick of living in Bom), and more police cases (so that neighbours and other witnesses likely to be called to give evid, will run away to avoid the harass), we shall uige the City day to raze not only hutment colonies but also all parks, pavements, subways arcades and other squatters' shel-

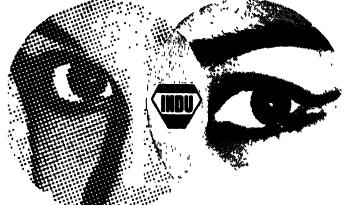
If our society flourishes, and if we are not behind prison bars -- for, radical reformists have always been misunderstood and persecuted-we will go in for subsidiary societies (Subsocs) and affiliated associations (Arfasses), starting obviously with Caldepopass

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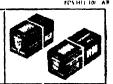
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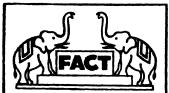
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Nationalisation of Marriages Act

Preamble alisation has become the order and the disorder of the day,

necessary to encourage its moon-beams and dissolved on escalation in all ways, by all earth, means, in all walks of life, by all people in all places,

Whereas it has become necessary to placate one of the ing mother-in-law by those who members of the Syndicate whose exclamation that the Government "might nationalise marriage as well" is still rever-benating through the whispering galleries of the Capital,

Whereas nationalisation of marriages would be a stumbling block in the way of population explosion and a stepping stone to secularisation.

Whereas it has become necessary to take suitable and appropriate steps for the fulfitment of the hopes, aspirations and inspirations of those who are in the matrimonial market,

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers devolved on us after the attainment of inde-pendence and in conformity with the national policy and objectives the following Act is enacted without fear favour or funore

- 1 Long Title This Act shall he called Nationalisation of Marriages Act
- 2 Short Title This Act is capable of being called by i longer, and not by a shorter, title
- 3 Enforcement This Act shall come into force on the date of the Presidential Election or before or immediately if the exigencies of the situation require and the "Young Turks" demand
- 4 Extent This Act shall extend to all States where ministers are at loggerheads, to all States "where united we stand, disumted we perish' rule subsists and to all States where there are agitations for the formation of amputed States and disputed districts and disputes over the smooth flow of rivers
- 5 Definitions. In this Act unless the context otherwise and the requires contents '

Whereas nation- otherwise demand,

- (a) "marriage" nicans some-thing contracted in the Sea of Whereas it has become Tianquillity, brought down by
 - (b) "dowry" means some-thing paid to the potential father-in-law and the impendpropose to take shelter in the haven of mainage,

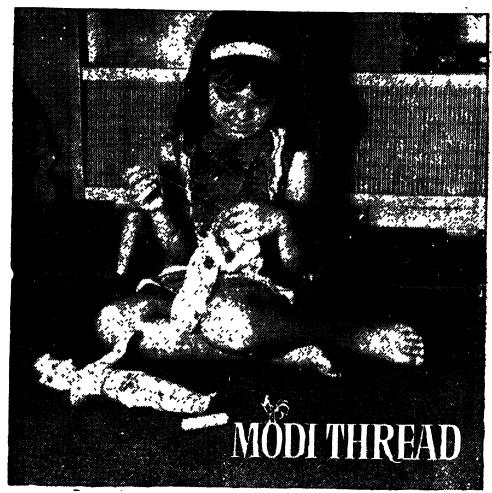
the male of the species, is the all the States and at the Centre. the lunar regions into the Sea of five members a chronic of Storm and in the case of the bachelor, a chronic spinster, a temale of the species, is a ship-widower a widow and a

6 Marriage Nationalisation 7 Marriage Bureaus and Corporation Immediately on Matrimonial Advertisements coming into force of this Act After the formation of the

pushing out of the Eagle from Each Corporation shall consist wreck in the Sea of Matrimony, nomince of the Syndicite

there shall be constituted for Corporations without any hullathe fruitful and purposeful baloo, all marriage bureaus will implementation of the Nation- be liquidated and all matrialisation scheme, a Marriage monial advertisements in papers (e) "Dovoice", in the case of Nationalisation. Corporation in extolling the virtues of bachelors

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and the qualifications of maids tions. State Corporations, when will be tabooed.

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9 Duties of State Corpora-

arranging a marriage shall see that the parties hall from different States, that they belong to different communities, that they belong to different political parties and that they speak different languages They shall also see that this arrangement creates national and emotional integration, subdues and suppresses linguistic fanaticism and

10 Marriages of Forcigners In marriages between foreigners in India or between a foreigner and an Indian the Corporations shall have no voice, no part or lot

11 Payment of Douty help the Bank Nationalisation Scheme payment of downy will be encouraged. When mar-nages can be arranged only after payment of downy and if the parties are imable, for reasons best known to them, to raise the required amount, the State Corporations shall arrange to secure the required amount from nationalised banks marriage expenses shall be met, if required, by the Corporations from bank borrowings

12 Duties of the Corporation (cont) It shall be the duty of the State and Central Cor-porations to see that the parties to the marriage arranged by them strictly follow the directions and directives laid down under the Family Planning Scheme

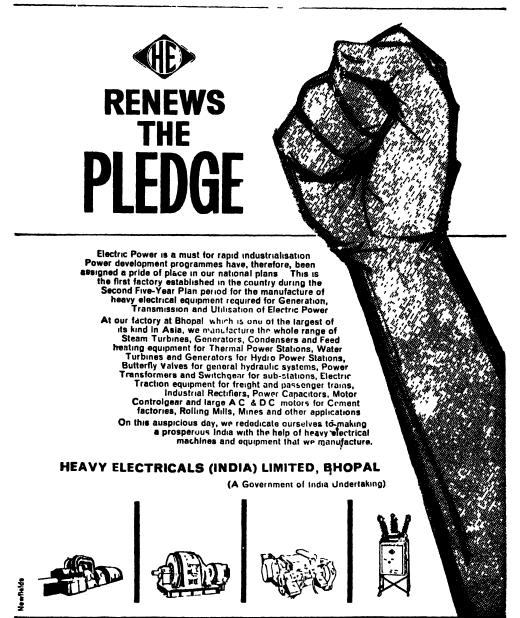
13 Duoice If for reason or for no reason whatsoever, a person seeks a divorce, the person who seeks it shall pay to the Corporation all the amount that the latter had taken from the Bank and an equal amount to the person who becomes the victim of the divorce

14 Re-marriage A divorcee (male or female) seeking marriage shall not be entitled to any help from the Corporation. But if the marriage is a remarriage of the divorced couple, it shall be the duty of the Corporation to see that the status quo ante is maintained and that the "new" mothers-inlaw who are only "old' mothersin-law behave in the old manner in the new setup.

15 Self-Praise: Never in the history of civilised civilisation has so much been done for so many by so few sections

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AS THE NATION SALUTES...



The Election

IT was election time in the to the family planning scheme found, short of mounting guard banners displaying some party me vmbol and the name of its carences all around

State Throughout the day and My very existence is a burden with machine guns for twenty long into the might wherever on society So I feel I have no four hours, so they gave up proyou went you were sure to see right to take part in any activity testing and later some were the signs of it. You could not connected with the running of even seen admiring the multiproceed for long on any road, the state-not that any such ac- coloured displays on then prostreet or bye-lane before you tivity has ever had much inter- perty were jostled to one side by some est for me. Now, however, the vehicle loaded to capacity with whole atmosphere around me were easily distinguishable. Mr enthusiastic campaigness and was charged with elections and λ did his campaigning in a bristling with blaring loud-some local knowledge of what white limousine--one of those speakers and festooned with was happening was forced on sleek, long bodied foreign cars

didate Taxis, cars of all descriptivo candidates who were contained of chromium-plated fittions from the latest foreign motesting for the one seat which tings surrounding, not the usual dels to decrepit, wheezing vin- was allotted to the area where two, but a whole row of tage varieties, tongas, auto and I lived. The walls of shops and headlights. This was followed week cycle rickshaws and even bul- other buildings, were plastered by a number of other ears only lock earts were pressed into with posters and hand painted slightly inferior. Dr. Y, on the service It was a noisy riot and slogans asking you, some to other hand, contented himself not confined to any particular vote for a Mr. X and others for with a convoy of cycle rickshaws part of the city, but extending Di 'Y'. No plain surface was I was told this was because he to every nook and corner of it free. Lamp posts, large stones was a poor man, but I strongly Even the surrounding villages and even the road surface was suspected that the rickshaws did not escape. You could see acceptable for the displays. In were intentionally used to gain the infernal vehicles going along the early days of the campaign the poor voters' sympathies. In posh cars, and the rickshaws the potted bullock cart tracks herce altereations between house this respect he certainly seemed were the stretched banners and leading out of the city between owners and paint-carrying ur- to have succeeded. You had the loudspeakers with which the fields towards distant vil- chins were a daily occurrence only to stand in any crowd of both parties were equipped. The lages, shattering the rural sil- in protest against the disfiguring watchers from among the poor-quantum of noise which each of compound walls and por- er classes as his procession of convoy produced was identical, The newly developed 1est-tions of buildings abutting on rickshaws passed and you the only difference here being dential suburb where I stayed the toadside These altercations would hear comments such as that whereas in the case of cars was not neglected. In fact we bowever ceased when the slo- Poor man, he deserves to win," it came at you in a rapidly rishad a little campaign, all to gan painters began displaying or, "Only a poor man can re- ing crescendo, reached its earourselves I am no dabbler in their artistry in the small hours present us poor people pro-splitting peak as they passed by politics Being the fourth of my of the morning. There was perly,' and other variations of and tehin as rapidly died away, parents' four children I am sur- no way of preventing them the same theme. The only in the case of the rickshaw

The two opposing candidates with the rear drawn up into I gathered that there were Lns and the front a dazzling plus to requirements according from doing it, the house owners things in common between the convox you had to endure the

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'Shall we reach a decision on the small car by then?"

din for much longer

As the days passed excitement began to mount and arguments as to which candidate was the better choice could be heard at every street corner, in every shop—you entered and even in the privacy of houses, till even I felt myself drawn into the speculation as to who would be the winner A contest of any kind is always interesting and I was gradually drawn into take a an interest in this one

The last day but one before that fixed for the casting of votes-the list was set aside by order as a quiet day when no campaigning was permissiblearrangements were made in the so called Park in my locality for the candidates to address the people I say 'so called' Pak because only a sign board at one side announced this to be such In actual fact it was only a bare open ground with the remnant of what was once a hedge around it and down the centre for some un



"Tell them not to send those moon stones here We've plenty being thrown here itself"

two portions Both portions up were crisscrossed with paths to bourers suddenly appeared in both shamianas foretold that ant din was maddening Hear-

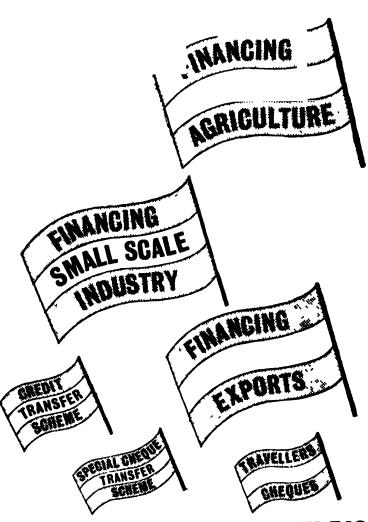
line across and not by the road ners appeared over both, those mg, testing, testing, hallo, halwhich ran all around Local on one bearing the party symbo, hallo, tollowed by the crash wrestling enthusiasts dug pits bol and name of Mr \ and of Hindi film songs showed that all over this ground at certain those over the other, that of Dr. the microphones and loudspeaseasons and filled them with Y Inside each a dais and rows kers were up and that all arloose earth to give themselves and rows of chans were placed trangements were near comple soft landings during their prace. The dats and the gangway be- tion. Each shamiana played a nee bouts. For the rest of the tween the chans in the shami-different tune and if you stood year these pits were used as ana of Mr X were laid with ex- at some point where a loudrubbish bins. It was a welcome passive carpets. The dais or Di speaker, from each, shamiana

to extend into the hours of to collect. By the afternoon two huge darkness At about three o'clock

known reason dividing it into the area and began to clean it the speeches may be expected ing the music the crowds began

The candidates, I was informprove that the shortest distance shamianas arose, one in each in the afternoon the sudden blar-cd, were expected to arrive at to the other side was a straight portion of the Park Huge ban-ing of the announcement "Test-six o'clock in the evening. Not having anything better to do, I decided to see what would hap pen The whole area had assum ed a festive appearance Hand carts loaded with aerated waters, fruits and "chaat" appeared on the scene as it by magic By about a quarter to six all the chairs in both shamianas were occupied. Not wishing to sight then, when a horde of la- 1 was left bare. Tubelights in converged on you, the discord- be field down to any one shamiana I preferred to stand I attached myself to the crowd standing at the entrance to Mi Ys shamiana, it being the more attractive one The people occupying the scats I noticed seemed mainly of the business community, judging from theu g rths and dress I had eather peeped into Dr Y's shamiana and I was struck with the way segregation had taken place on the basis of the class to which each candidate belonged, for Di Y's shamiana was filled with those of the middle classeswhite-collared employees of government offices and private concerns mostly. The crowd that stood around both was identical in composition-a mixture of labourers, dhobis, rickshaw drivers, sweepers, lesser shopkeepers and a sprinkling of well-dressed men who like me had probably stopped by merely out of curiosity

> At the stroke of six a commotion around Dr Y's shamiana showed that he had arrived The standing crowd around me had just began to drift that way when the sounding of motor car horns announced the approach of Mr X and soon the white limousine was visible honking its way slowly through the crowd followed by the cars of his supporters. The white limousine drew up before the gangway between the chairs leading up to the dais A number of portly gentlemen, all in crisp white kurtas and pyjamas ran to receive the candidate As the rear door of the car swung open a fat, chappal-and-pyjamaclad leg appeared. After much shifting and heaving, which made the limousine rock on its springs, the rest of the candidate emerged He proved to be a short-statured individual with such an enormous girth that he seemed more broad than tall. That this was Mr. X himself was



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'No, not self-reliance my pocket was picked."

clear from the way the gentle- he would soon be upside down him, making as if to assist his every movement but expertly to their feet the better to see he began to speak again. So You are wrong then That is the event doing actually doing anything He came out carrying a in a Western style suit, who was his voice that the buzz of talk. What do they offer the ward painful to watch

gangway between the chairs to and all the s'alwart could do minutes. When I finally began and cheering. He raised his if two of the white-elad gentlesulting position. As soon as the equality of all people be. But neither do I want you to be men rushed forward, and in this was achieved he elimbed cause the need of all men were poor I tell you I will not rest then real to assist the great up on the dais and placing his the same. He looked around until I see that each one of you man they grabbed an arm each, hands under the arms of the and picked cut a duty fat indi- can own a car like mine." The but the step provided was not seated candidate he pulled him vidual who looked like a sweat- burst or applause was now wide enough for the great to his feet A great sigh of man and his two support- rehef arose from the auchence man and his two supportwhile his feet tried to mount, prevented his body was from following by the two helpers and they soon found they had more than they could handle They struggled manfully but their legs were already sagging under the great weight of the candidate who was very there seemed little doubt that tened his shirt and rolled

men in white who had rushed The spectators were now hushto receive him fawned around ed in expectation of this result short thick walking stick using had been seated in the front conversation in the shamiana country and the people? Oh which as a support he seemed tow of chars, rushed forward died down and disappeared yes! They shout about equality to roll, rather than walk, for- and putting his shoulders under before he had said ten words for all people. But what kind His slow progress was those of the descending candi-A wooden box overlaid with a strip of carpet had been placed near the dais at the end of the back into a vertical position what he had said for some rich." There was loud applause serve as a step As Mr X teach- was to slide him on to the dais to pay attention to his speech hand for silence and went on, ed this and was about to mount and then heave him up to a he was saying that he stood for 'I do not want to be poor ers to climb it at the same when the candidate was uptime and the result was that right again. This was followed by a buzz of conversation and a burst of laughter which began with the crowd outside and was gradually taken up by those uside This finally subsided when those in frent began to turn around and shush' loudly

I was still watching the rapidly assuming a horizontal candidate and I could not help position. As his heels were but admire the calmness with now resting on the top of the which he took the whole incidais, his feet having continued dent. He seemed to be comto climb of their own volition, pletely unruffled He straigh-

forward to one of the sofas on meat seller from his the dars. He sat down and look- clothes and said ed around at the crowd as if "Do you think his needs are nothing at all had happened in any way less than mine?" The crowd was not slow in When the laughter had sub-appreciating his spirit and a sided he continued. "Put me burst of elapping filled the at the helm of affairs and I shamana in which I joined will see that everyone is treated whole-heartedly

Someone spent over five min-benefits and comforts. Here utes in introducing Mi X with he was interrupted by a loud a long list of his qualifications thumping as of the beating of and qualities. Then Mi X fists on hollow metallic surfaces arose and came up to the It was the crowd standing microphone. The loud-speak- around the ears in which he cas just caught his open- and his party had arrived words, Bahanon' and then fell silent with their fists and laughing He continued to speak but the Mi X smiled as he waited for sudden transition from his the uproar to die down. The amplified voice to his natural thumpers realising that he had tone made his words maudi- got the message quietened ble He had chosen an down 'You of course think,' in a u s pictoris day for his continued the candidate looking public address I felt and then in the direction of the thumpers, for the second time he evoked "that I have no right to say my admination the "mike and walked up to benefits and comforts when I the front of the dais. Some myself own a big car and you men-evidently the electricians don't. You think I should get -had begun to rush about to rid of my car first, give away locate the fault. The candidate all my belongings and become

date heaved upwards and for his calmness and the seemingly want everyone to be equally

greasy

ahke I do not believe m Now the speeches began classes of society. Every one and I began to lose interest has the right to enjoy the same Bhaiyon am They were pounding the cars He just left that all should have the same I was so carried away with of equality do they offer? They



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deafening like the candidate's drove the poor listeners into a frenzy and they laughed and clapped as if the dream was to be realised in the next few moments

on the end seat of the gangthe candidate from falling off a shock that he was the stocky the same as in the shannana I wanted the wealth of the coun-

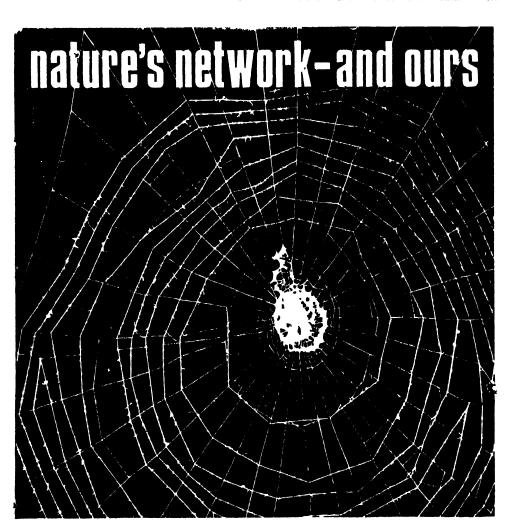
The dream of gentleman my last meeting had just left, except that here, try to be equally distributed lolling on the cushions of a car with whom brought no pleasant the dais was bare of any car- amongst all and not concenmemories. He had recognised pet and common folding chairs trated with certain groups of me too and I could see that he took the place of sofas. The individuals. He did not want had intentions of renewing the man at the microphone, I to degrade any one, at the aquaintance. I did not share gathered, was Di. Y. He was same time he wanted the living his desire and decided that this a tall, lean, handsome man of standards of the poor to be While the clapping was go- was the time to see what was middle age, neatly dressed in raised. He said he could not ing on I happened to notice a going on in the other shaimana, shirt and thousers and well-promise any immediate improman bending over in conversa, so I stepped back quickly into polished, shoes. A typical vement if he was elected. The tion with the gentleman scated the crowd and pushing my way example of the well educated country was poor and it would through, emerged into the open middle class. He had a well-take many years of hard work way in the front row. He was an and then joined the crow! modulated voice which gave by every one to achieve self-the stalwart, who had saved around Dr. Ys shannana... whatever he said a ring of sufficiency. Hard work was I gradually worked my way sincerity. He too was stressing what he would put in to help the dais. As I was looking in forward till, by standing up on the fact that the needs of all the people and it was hard his direction he looked up and my toes, I could see made men were the same regardless work that he expected from our eyes met. I realised with the general arrangements were of sect, colour or class. He the people. No one had a

right to live if he was lazy and did not work hard He claimed to be the best qualified to represent the people because he was poor himself He could thus understand the poor man's feelings better than the capitalist on the other side How could anyone who always rode in a car and seldom walked on Mother Earth (Dhaiti Mata) know about the wants of the poor? This brought loud and prolonged applause There was nothing original in what Dr. Y said, but the way he said it made you feel that he meant it. The nodding of heads in appreciation of his statements and the murmured appreciative comments by all those around me left no doubt in my mind as to the sentiments of the crowd I also noticed a gradual drifting of the poorer section of the crowd around Mi X's shamiana towards Di Y's I had seen enough, I felt I mentally placed my bet on Dr Y

Great was my amazement then the day after the polling to see Mr X seated fatly crosslegged and heavily garlanded on the flat bonnet of his shining limousine, slowly leading his procession of cars amidst a wildly cheering crowd in celebration of his victory. I voiced my surprise to some people near me

"But there was no doubt about his winning," said an elderly man near me. "Would you canvas votes for someone who offers you hard work even to get your daily bread, or for someone who freely distributes sewing machines, bicycles and transistors to his helpers?" My knowledge of local politics was sadly incomplete I realised.

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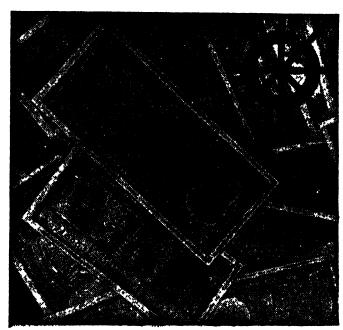
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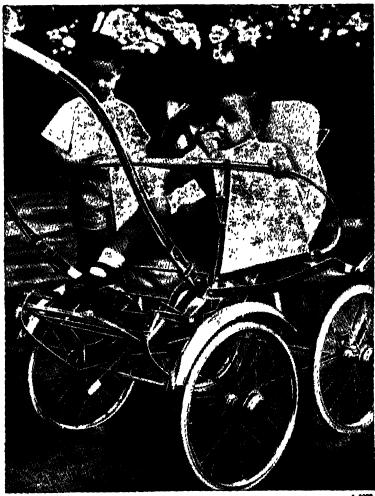
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Recipe Research

ALL women's magazines and recipes only when these were page or two of hints about cook- peared on the same page vey we carried out recent- panying text Picture preferences ged them with questions like ly in Delhi. The results have were. Why don't you try sometimes just been tabulated and some of the findings are quite surprising and belie old accepted beliefs

A random sample of five hundred households was prepared Trained investigators, each carrying printed questionaires, visited these households and interviewed not only the housewives but also their husbands and adult children. To ensure free expression of opinion and in the interest of domestic peace each member of the family was questioned separately, in camera, and assured that he would not be quoted by name

the Recipes Page regularly?" the replies in the affirmative

(When the attention of the Editors of the women's magazines was drawn to this, they said they were aware of this position but would not drop the page because nowhere in the world was there a women's magazine without its kitchen notes Omission of recipes, they were sure, would be noticed, women would complain and the circulation would drop)

The girls said they read the

To the question. Do you read w ere 18.8% Housewives Husbands 76 5% Teenage guls 450 0.2% Boys

most weekly journals design- given by their favourite filmed for family reading carry a stars, and their photographs ap-

cipes and with what result' more interested in pictures of in those where they did House

art paper 810%

ordinary paper 15.7% Colour blind

The survey shows that the general atmosphere at mealing and serving food. Who It was seen that the husbands, times was happier in those reads those pages? How many who it is now established, form homes where the husbands did of the readers try out the 1e- the main group of readers, were not read the recipes pages than This was the subect of a sui-cooked dishes than in the accom-wives stated that men-folk nag-

Three-colour illustration on to make that Russians salad Chi- the husband had been seeing

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response was as follows -

Yes I will as soon as you get me an

Automatic Electric Oven Pressure Cooker, Mixie etc. 77.5%

Kept quiet 0.4% Changed subject 22 1%

An interesting fact to emerge Why don't you try sometimes from the survey was that where nese Soup/Five-laver cake shown coloured illustrations of dishes Three-colour illustration on in the last issue?" The women's two to three hours before lunch

The craftsmen of Mohenjadaro 5000 years ago cast the figure of the dancing girl with her care-free stance, expressing her joy and her sense of rhythm.

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The sthapathis of renown cast images according to the 'Shilpa Shastras' which dictate specifications for different deities Though the basic form was circumscribed within each image the creator breathed his own aspirations giving the hieratic form a life of its own

Even today, master-craftsmen cast images which express their belief and show their skill in the different styles of casting

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or dinner his appetite was af- the effect was as if these men fected as follows

73.9% Decreased Increased 113% No change * 118% (*Partially covers the colour-blind interviewers)

paper promoted a desire for The reasons eating in some cases, the reverse was true in a very much larger proportion of the sample Nutrition exports have attributed this phenomenon to 'gastro psychic substitution' in other words

had taken a big helping of that dish already

What was the experience of those housewives who had actually tried to cook the dishes the recipes of which they had read

Too many ingredients reguned 20.6%

Names given in English instead of in the 'mother ton gue' 114%

Hive an old experienced

38 8% Finned stuff is more con- Women

venient 65% Dishes prepared do not look as attractive as in the il-Instrations:

Asked to state what they no Thus it is seen that while the in the magazines? Most of them tired most at other people's there the answers varied between men and women -Men

> The drinks 503% Crockery & cutlery 187% Candles on the dining table 96%

21 4% Food 43 1% Food Relief at not having to do the cooking themselves. 56.9%

This confirms broadly what expensive restaurants have long sight of well-cooked dishes on gave up after a few attempts house when invited to a meal known-that men will pay anything for 'showmanship', 1 e., a band in attendance, bearers wearing gloves, cabaret girls and low lights (except those, shiming on the above-mentioned guls)

> Of the women who look at cookery pages, as many as 31 2% cut out the recipes from the magazines and kept them carefully somewhere, but were not able to lay their hands on these again Though not covered by the questionnaire, most women vouchsafed the information that they noted down recipes from each other but these were invariably lost within a week

Another finding was that in men the yearning for exotic food increased geometrically with age whereas their appetites decreased in anthmetical proportion. Thus a man at sixty was four times as keen on tood as a man at thirty, but his ap petite was about half Housewives, it turned out, were aware of this phenomenon and it is not unlikely that there is some correlation between these figures and the incidence of divorce|separation club - membership. which it is proposed to examine in depth in a separate survey

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"I'm afraid that with this age restriction of being above 35 years no wise woman will be over able to contest for presidentship

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No Biz like Show Biz

own kidney-shaped swimming him to feel charitable. And so, pool He also had a very long the rivals advertised for people neck His neck was his asset who could express emotions His sole asset He loved his with diverse parts of their ananeck. He was fond of looking tomy Toe wigglers, eyebrow at his neck in the mirror It raisers, tongue twisters, nose had started with symbolism wrinklers, they all turned up but The French-whenever they none of them fitted the bill And wanted to depict emotion, they Longy went on grossing millions focussed on knees and elbows and millions and building more and such like One day when kidney-shaped swimming pools happened to look up and the sion with him-the kidney-and camera caught a long shot of his it was something of a treat to neck His neck was registering watch him turn to the villain in emotion. As his Adam's apple a movie, raise his neck and reveins stood out and his epiglotti ple of 'your kidney get away moved, you could see anger, with anything" pain, tension, mirth, joy-all these reflected there

The movie audiences loved it As the movies ground up to his hair stood on end but it was their climax and the peak of no use-people looked upon it emotions was reached, they as too much of a stock device would suddenly focus to a long to express shock shot on his neck. And as the camera closed up, Longy's son.

wanted to see Longy, and too into the background few wanted to see their stars They tried to get a merger, but

"LONGY" was a very success- Longy wouldn't hear of it. They ful movie star. He had his had rejected him too long for Longy was on the sets he had It was something of an obsesbobbed up and down and the gister "I'm not going to let peo-

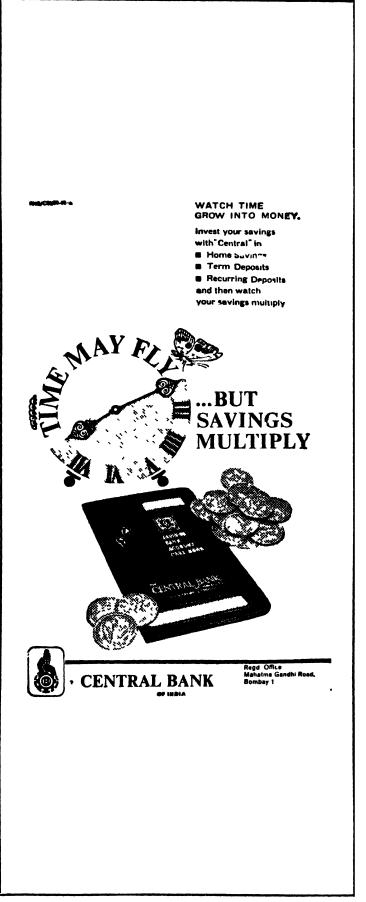
> The search went on There was a man who thought he could register emotions when

Finally, there came to the stu-Adam's apple moved up and dios of the rival one day a man down, right and left, clockwise who claimed that he was the and anticlockwise. The audi-answer to the problem. The ence learnt to recognise the people flocked around him to emotions that Longy's neck re- watch him perform. He turned gistered, and they counted his back to them and pointed to "Twice up, thrice down, ahl Anger" as his Adan's apple ears. He began to wiggle his moved They had learnt the formulas and recited them in uni--anger" they yelled, "thrice up, twice sideways-joy" they yelled All the rival companies were And Longy who suddenly got a in despair. Foo many people cramp in his neck was shelved

SRINIVASAN KRISHNAN



"Be good, my boy. Always obey the jungle law '



ARMAND sat comfortably on flames danced on the silver given a new Mephistophehan duc to the Revolutionary Triin the state room. He had been by leering at him, or so he seeing these chairs for over forty thought pagne in his right hairs naise monage and a smirk of satisfaction on tried again and free A few perfum"Merde," he spat out, "the mel"

a high-backed gilded chair goblet A few empties were sad- look to an old snave face.

"Armand, my faithful old renought tamer," he minicked the voice. He leered at the mail-clad of the betrayed noble, "I trust years, he had bowed before. He leered at the mal-clad of the betrayed noble, "I trust them, but he had never dated statue of the first due d'Albret, thee to look after the chateau, to sit on them. He carried a He tried to focus his eyes on I trust thee to carry the packets silver goblet of sparkling chain- the face, scratched the dark of diamonds to the exiled roy-pagne in his right hairs hand brown scrub on his jowl, and alty. Take these hundred gold pieces.

Armand looked at the statue ed candles lit the tapestried old reprobate is glaring at mel" once again "The first due glares chamber and their flickering Broken Commandments had at me for selling the thirteenth

bunal to save my own skin. Judas got thirty silver pieces, I got a hundred gold ones ...and diamonds!" He laughed hoarsely at his own joke.

"Stop glaring at me, cochon!" he snarled and threw the sterling silver goblet at the statue. He saw the duc's eyes were bloodshot Sweat trickled down his vile forehead He left the chair Nearer and nearer he went. He saw the sword-hand move, or so he thought.

"Stop that, you fool!" he slapped the face hard and started dancing on one foot, for his knuckles had hit the vizor

"Who are you? You're not a statuc Ghostl Bon Dieul" He checked himself The Revolu-tionaries had no faith in Bon Dieu He became visibly pale.

"Yes, the statue breathes these thrice-accurst nobles retuse to die," he mused "The lips move and the eves roll and the sword-hand moves up," he looked intently as if hypnotis-

"Armand!" he heard a stentorian voice, and he jumped out of his skin. The voice was of the betrayed duc

"Oui, monseigneur le duc," he bowed from his hips and answered obsequiously He looked around but he was the only human being in the vast state room

"Armand," again came the disembodied voice, "thou hast betrayed thy lord and master Thou hast betrayed a great cause—the cause of heavenanointed majesty of kings. Our blood is on thy vile head." Beads of perspiration rolled down the stubble. He moved back and trod over the empty champagne goblet, lost his balance, and sprained his ankle. He got up. Burped twice. Shouted, "Vive la Revolution! Vive la France!" Through the slime and garbage of his mind penetrated a single thought, "I'm Judas Iscariot.'

"Armand," again came the voice from beyond the grave, and Armand knelt down panicstricken, "the cause is sacred. Thy duty is clear, It's the cause of majesty of sovereigns and sanctity of the Church. . .

Armand began to tremble like a leaf. He was brave, yet fright had percolated through every muscle and nerve. To add to



the supernatural, marching strains from the open He remembered the day they casement Strams of Ruget de left the ducal Chateau Nearer and nearer came the room The duchesse's eyes were sound, rancous, out of tune, but red with tears for all that, death-dealing in its intensity He heard, he mutter-dishevelled, their face and hands ed, "They've come for me!" were smeared with mud and

duc's heir sing one evening

. "Still as of old,

Himself, not Christ

ed down into his boots, like a each hoof to deaden sound thread of mercury in a thermometer started moving up

His master's secret prepara. tions to leave the country His arrangements for carrying above all!" away his treasure into exile He had promised his priceless family diamonds to the King's hear from Madame la duchesse brother, so that he could regain. We can't leave till we know the Bourbon throne

"I won't leave without you chen, cried the duchesse "I can't leave you to the wolves Anything might happen Even monds to madame la duchesse treachery." Aimand remember- and she'd pass them on to the ed her blue sad eyes falling on King's brother him. Did she suspect him with a woman's uncrring instruct?

At last she was prevailed

came the meant a long line of d'Albrets They death-senteneing song had gathered in the very state

They were clothes dirty and were smeared with mud and But soon he heard the voices burnt cork Hei golden hair, moving away from the chateau, which was the pide of her hus-Fright sobered him Cham- band were snipped out of shape pagne fumes evaporated He and peppered with mud and heard the poundings of his colour No one could recognise heart. He mused, "Did I not her then as the gorgeous dubetray my master to serve the chesse d'Albret The gul's mouth cause of Liberty?" The thought which was smeared with honey of betrayal brought to his mind invited bees. The boy's disthe stanza he had heard the guise was superb. He emoved

Man by himself is priced false bottom carried jewels and to the bedroom of the duchesse

It was midnight when the cart moved out of the Chateau Slowly his mind cleared It like a silent ghost. Even the switched back to the weeks moon was hidden behind the gone by The Revolution was dark clouds to help their escape followed by the Reign of Terror He remembered the duc, pale and on the verge of tears raise his hand and said, "Honoui

After a week, the duc called Armand, "We've to wait till we that they are safe."

'Oui, monseigneur le duc" 'In case anything happens to me, take the packets of dia-

Bon Dien garde monseignem!"

"Merci, Armand, said the upon to leave with her son and due "But we must think of all Armand saw the handsome, the success of Armand daughter. Safety for her son contigencies." He took him to proud noble walk erect between fourteenth due d'Albret!"



Not fly-past you sally Manisters surveiging the floods

The old hay cart fixed with a his bedroom, a passage led them his foul-smelling captors. carved oak panelling

the floor and thirteen from the and treachery wall and press right over the central floral design" He did so be a nullionaire with these diaand he heard a whiring sound monds" At last the lure of gold and a small door six feet by lured him away to Paris three slowly opened

side the Chateau made the duc and sentenced to death for treahurry to the casement He son against France simply said, "Armand, they've Armand made up his mind come for me I put the Albret to escape using the means got honour in your hands worthy of our trust'

Armand saw the door close He followed his master

An Officer of the Revolutionary Tribunal came forward and with its proud motto of "Honsaid, "Citizen d'Albret, thou art under arrest for conspiring against the Ropublic "They led him away.

Within a week Armand went For thirty pieces Judas sold gold coins. The old cob Chicot, The space between the two bed- to Paris to betray his master too had a mud bath and fleas 100ms was a walled strong- He took with him letters of the allis comage which had ooz- A padding of hay was tied to room. Not a crack showed that King's brother to the duc askthere was anything beyond the ing for help. For two nights carved oak panelling. Armand was torn between Count thirteen squares from honour and dishonour loyalty

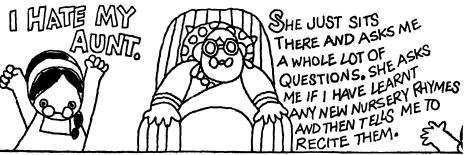
"Tresoi!" he muttered, "I'd

In a few days Armand heard the howling of the mob out- that the due d'Albret was tried

> ready for the due To celebrate the new sizzling idea, he went for a fresh bottle of champagne He picked up the silver goblet bearing the arms of d'Albret neur Sur Tout'

He poured in the goblet the foaming sparkling champagne and raised the glass, "Here's to Armand saw the handsome, the success of Armand, the





ONE DAY, I I RECITED ONE OF THOSE HORRIBLE JINGLES YOU HEAR OVER THE COMMERCI RADIO. YOU SHOULD HAVE SEEN HERFACE added, "son of a blacksmith"

He put a candlestick and a under-box into his pocket and entered the duc's bedroom. He felt a premonition of coming evil He filled his goblet for a second time 'Success to Armand!

His Juddled mind wondered whether it was the thriteenth block from the bottom of the wall, or thirtieth Being superstitious, he disliked number ber thirty

laughed loudly at his joke, then He started counting again till he came to thirteen and pressed the block. He heard the ominous whirring sound and the door slowly opened. He jumped in to see the wonders of the hind him

> 'Bon Dieu! But the accurat due had no time to tell me how to open the door from the in-

He was trapped. There were thriteen, and so he tried num- neither vents for aid or light. It Nothing happened was dark like a tomb

Armand remembered the piece of candle he had put in treachery!" he mused "A lingerhis tunic. He took it out. Then ing death sans water, saus food, the tinder-box. The candle gave sans air." In the dying flame he a faint flickering light. His mind saw in the right corner a huge. was paralysed as he thought of oak cupboard He saw the ducal strong room. Then he heard a food, water and an He heard crest, on the top horizontal chick. The door had closed be-mocking scraping sounds. He panel of the door. Ho went on knew a part of the old Chateau was haunted by the ghost of a his finger strayed to the cagle's priest, but he had never seen beak. He pressed the beak the apparition. Something brush- a heavy panel which opened out ed past him Something feath- from the top, bit his head He ery white The cassock! Screams fell unconscious to the floor died in his throat Drops of icy cold sweat trickled down his check and forchead

"So this was the piice of pressing every part of it, then

After hours, he slowly regained consciousness The blood had coagulated He was thirsty He had a splitting head-ache He was gasping for breath He moved on all fours to find the candle After a long search he got it. Then came the tinderbox A dim light illumined the room He got up with difficulty and walked towards the cupboard. He saw an non chest fixed inside But there was no key. He had never seen the duc carry a key with him. The key must be there. The candle was just a stump and yet he had to find his way out. After a long search he found a small gold key hung from a hook inside the cupboard. With trembling hope he took the key He pushed the key into the key-hole and turned Nothing happened He turned it a second time and the coffer opened Packets of diamonds in a row gladdened his misty eves. He took them out and stored them in his tunic pockets The candle flickered once and there was darkness

Now for the door, "I'm a milhonane!" he exclaimed He could hear his laboured breath But after hours of toil his joy turned to despair. He fumbled in the growing darkness. He wept like a child After twentyfour hours he started screaming for help "Au secours!" but the echoes came back to him like a włup-lash

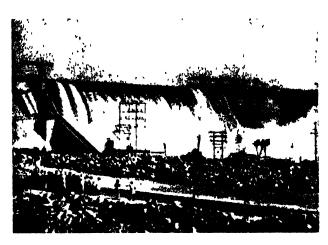
After five agorusing days and nights, hunger, thirst, and as-physiation overpowered him.

After Waterloo, the duchesse and her children returned home. She found the body

They shed tears over the sad end of their taithful old retainer-Armand.

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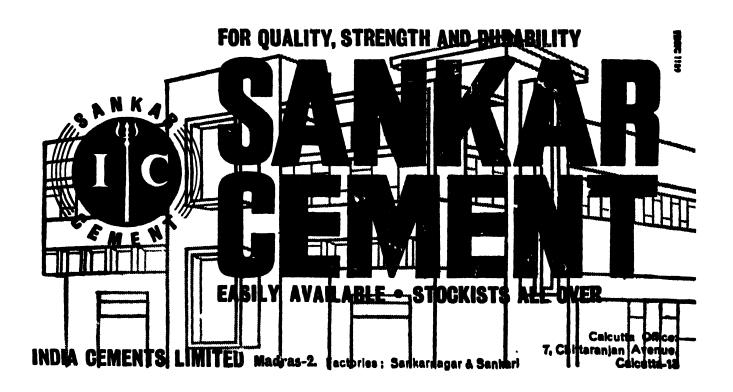
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-FILMS-

"Hawaii"

ONE of those big, old time factor extravaganzas, colour, South Seas, sailors, natives (bare bosomed), and missionaries James Michener, who will be remembered for having in- the director cannot make up his vented tedious faction (fact mind whether to be anti-Hale fiction), wrote the book on and anti-colonizing missionaries which this film is based. The who rumed the noble savage, or film faithfully captures it, for it not is just as long and just as bor- and bigoted Big White Father, ıng

Hale, and sweet Julie Andrews, in the mid 19th century to convert the heathen from their less, being faithful to the book lovely, graceful way of life to mun muus (the ugly, pseudo Victorian gown), Victorian morality and Christianity Max von Sydow is a mealy-mouthed, Bible-thumping old prude who tramples over everyone's feelings and succeeds in making the viewer hate his guts. The mystery is how he wasn't murdered by the natives In fact, although one knows they must be slowly converted

There is conflict, but it is faireven the old queen of the islea gigantic and charming ladybrother

the sanctified angel of the ham Rushton screen, after all But how she puts up with old Abner with his hairshirts and sexual guilt ly a pop-culture fantasy Shirley

while being in love with Richard Harris is another incredible

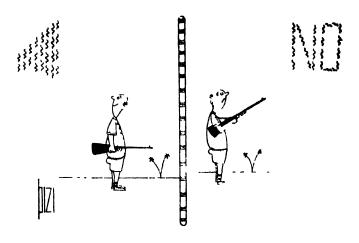
Max von Sydow is an intelligent actor. He realised how ghastly Abner Hale was But Hale the racist, a loveless loses his dignity often and in the end his wife (through death, Max von Sydow, as Abuer alas), but the damage done by him is only rather ambiguously as his missis, arrive in Hawaii hinted at, and he does survive The film makers were, doubt- Maclanic - strawberries and pep his Harjan friends. But he has

"The Bliss of Mrs Blossom"

"The Orpheus of the Undicworld," Mi Blossom, has two loves - his bia-manufacturing concern and M1s Blossom Mrs Blossom also has two loves-Ambrose Tuttle who hides in her attic for four years, and Mi Blossom

loathe him, they let themselves ing to the ads is just the sort of emphemistic humour this proly muzzy and meffectual and disappearance of A Tuttle, he arrives at the Blossoms' to mend a sewing machine and is only is received into the faith on her seen incognito, or in the attic, death bed, after she agrees to until Mr Blossom is apprised celibacy. She is married to her of the situation some years later The sleuths who doggedly keep at the mystery are a deliciously-Julie Andrews, one can under- mannered and fastidious queer Mr Tuttle is Carnaby Street, mises her, but she remains oblistand, may do no wrong, she is and William Rushton as Wil- to begin with Despite the vul- vious of the old prisoner's iden-

"The Bliss of Mis B" is real-



permint-dieams heiself through a wicked wife and storms out a fairy-tale romance. She paints of the house one day after she fany-tale pictures in modish has cruelly mistreated his Haripop art, and lives in a house jan friends m ditto tashion. Her husband lives out his fantasies by conducting taped orchestial music dressed in full regalia and also through perfecting the Universal Bra. Do not be mistaken, and he turns homeward again for there is no satire intended This is a hymn to pop culture Titillating comedy accord- It is full of innuendoes, in-jokes and references, and for those not familiar with current advermises. There is no story to tising, mores and trendiness in speak of unless you count the Britain, much of the fun is lost They are come strip characters, all of them But even the comic strip now graces the Tate Gal-

> Richard Attenborough as Mr. Blossom is a paste-on of the Ed- becomes betrothed to the jail wardian look, James Booth as doctor. Ashok Kumar recoggarity of the basic theme of "I tity. The whole draina culmidreamt I was a femme fatale in nates with her marriage and the my ***** bra" this is a colour-thakur-very ill, but now freeful and often amusing film but trekking to his jagn to give the it does try very hard

"Aashirvad"

Hopeful beginning Nicc, realistic shots of villagers and Ben-there is an attempt at verisimigali zamindais (well, the ground litude to locale and sentiment, has been thoroughly prepared) One was even prepared to overlook the extraordinary make up and on the several minor pseudoof Ashok Kumar and others, and Mr Kumar's false curls However, the "best picture of However, the "best picture of a melodiamatic story narrative, my life" is a sad reflection on if followed, and explored, can the aging hero's other films

He is one of nature's innocents Dreamer, poet, socialist tic, inspired and happiest with pathy evaporate quickly.

Arriving in Calcutta-some good shots here-he turns pied piper to children in a park His little favourite suddenly dies to his own adored daughter and not so adored wife Meanwhile his Hanjan friend's beautiful daughter has been abducted by the villamous bailiff Ashok Kumar flies to her rescue and murders the haughty man

Now begin many many years of languishing in jail, with only his poetic inspiration for company. His wife dies, his daughter grows to womanhood and couple his aashirwad' dies of course but after he is united with his family

There are plenty of songs, but Unfortunately, the whole focus is on Ashok Kumar's sentiments, dramatic climaxes that are statutory in a Hindi movie. Even yield something. When it is left to muddle its own course, however, and attention devoted to "emotional scenes," then all good (1), he is an impulsive roman-intentions and the viewer's sym-



"Today happens to be my wife's birth day and that takes all the charm-out of Independence Day

Sign-posts for the 70's

V K Narasimhan Democracy and Mixed Leonomy Popuar Prakashan, Bombay 1965 (pp. 84)

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ONE point in Shri Nara- abhorient simhan's book which is this, discussion on the margin relevant to today's national concept becomes rather abbasis socialism may once have. It is of course true that one would expect! had as an ideology no longer structural changes, ushered in ... The accent in the

In the absence of His view is that any manding minediate correction

convincing reason why we need but when (for instance) a ground than the non-Maha-Corporation! not consider the status que departure made from "the rashtnans the former in the

ing (p 1094) Warnings give the result, are heard today of efforts to The settlers wreck the Constitution from from coastal Andhra, for one, within its institutions, but wit- would fully agree that it is the ness how those opposed to the local language group which public sector work it from adjusts least in our cities! A within! It may be a portent It may be a portent within! It may be a portent perceptive correspondent says that the chorus against bank that the Telengana movement debate is his plea for the con-stract in a society whose unjust nationalization has not been "needs study in depth and one cept of margin' in the political character is too glaring, de-joined in, as Nireekshak notices hopes this would be indige-(p 1100), by all the quarters nously done before some U.S.

obtains. True modern techno- by the State may prove more Number is on urbanization and all logical societies do require apparent than real. The extense social regulation but the pre-ample of official financial institutions but the pre-ample of official financial institutions but the pre-ample of official financial institutions by the various it against foreign scholars that would satisfy the various it against foreign scholars that they come here and bring out making use of the concept of which have been as much the M. S. Gore's finding is significant processing of the concept of which have been as much the M. S. Gore's finding is significant processing the concept of which have been as much the M. S. Gore's finding is significant processing the concept of which have been as much the mean processing the concept of which have been as much the mean processing the concept of which have been as much the mean processing the concept of which the concept of the concept of which the concept of wh Borrowed by Nara- means to perpetuate the status cant that it is the Maharashtrian which there are examples in similar from economic theory, quo as they would have been settlers who have adjusted the Special Number. One of this concept would mean in as part of the private sector least to Bombay city, while the them, Richard Meier, makes a the context of political decision. The latest measure of bank Tamils have adjusted most spirited plea for solutions to making that every intervention placement also has to configure the spirited plea for solutions to the spirited plea for solutions the spirited plea for solutions to the spirited plea for solut of the State, in so far as it tend with this danger. How attribute this to the Tamil's different from the West. He involves abridgement of the exactly this is to be done is the propensity to become a multi-cautions that it is not as if existing rights and liberties of subject of the Economic and linguist, though he admits a "Americans do not use a specifitzens should be confined to Political Weekly Special Num-simple explanation may not do fic technology because there is the narrowest limits (p. 37) ber's editorial, which calls for One likes to know whether the a hidden flaw in it! (p. 1167). But does not the concept of a "purposive integration" of problem is not one of general. In the ultimate analysis, it margin assume that the exist budgetary policies and the bank adjustment to city life of those seems that even the suggestion ing social structure is sub resources. The real battle who are new to it. It is likely that we should not look too stantially acceptable. Nara-against nationalization, will be that the Maharashtrian settlers much to the RAND Corporasimhan does not advance any fought, not through debates, are more often from rural back- tion comes from the RAND

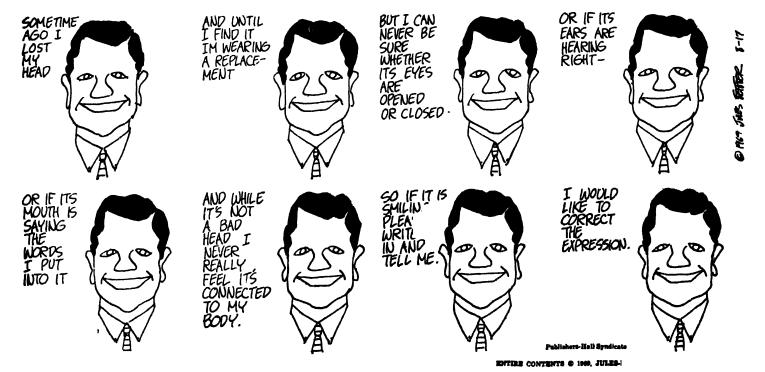
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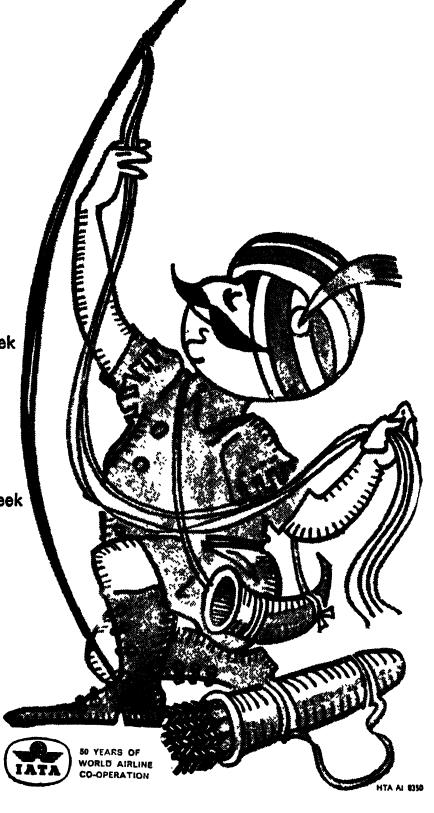
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FREE THINKING

THE Congress Party is at last facing up to certain political realities. When Jawaharlal Nehru was nudging the party towards democratic socialism, he had in mind a set up not dissimilar to Roosevelt's 'New Deal' Indeed, he was quite upset at the interference of the communists in the International Anti-Imperialist Conference at Brussels and said so in strong terms But the feudal-minded Congress, while indulging Nehru, had no stomach for socialism. Their entire idea was to substitute their own administration in place of the Raj Later, in the changed international situation when India had to avoid getting entangled in the United States' policy of roping in nations within military pacts, Nehru used to stress our socialism a little more. But even then it was clear that he was prepared to go only near Yugoslavia among the Communist nations. After the Chinese attack on our borders, a spirited attempt was made by Rightist groups in the country backed with Western patronage to topple the government and reverse the direction of what up to then were described as national policies

It was from this moment that Nehru understood that relations with the Soviet Union had to be firm in order not only to withstand aggressive ideology whether from the US or from China but also to raise our economy to new heights. This was firmly resisted by the Right which saw in Russian economic and military influence the spread of communism, even though it was well known that Russia was no longer interested in introducing communism into countries, just as the Americans had ceased to mention democracy to countries who were being protected in the name of democracy.

The situation has now changed qualitatively because it is no longer international equations that compel our socialist orientations but internal conditions. Undoubtedly, Mrs. Indira Gandhi has started the intra-fighting within her party for personal ends. But she has raised political issues and in the course of time it is the latter that will be discussed and taken as the central problem. This is all to the good

The real point is that people in India will no longer believe in dramatic gestures as a substitute for a socialist way of life. Bank nationalisation by itself means nothing and Mrs Gandhi's insistence that other steps have to be cautious lends substance to the charge that she is no genuine socialist but one who is exploiting popular support for socialist measures to entrench herself politically. That would make her brand of socialism pure demagogy.

It would be a pity if Mrs. Gaudhi were to convert what sould become a momentous movement in favour of socialism to a factional battle. She will not only mar her political future but set back national progress by several decades, Besides, and this is the worst of it, she will have exhausted popular faith in idealist politics.

The Man of the Week

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PLEASE TURN OVER FOR PEN PORTRAIT

The 'Man' of the Week

M R. V. V. GIRI is the first non-Congress President of India. He is also the first trade unionist and champion of labour to reach this office These facts are significant in themselves but they do not add up to the essence of the new political situation in the country. The Presidential elec-tion is tremendously important because the Congress Party can no longer assume old postures and attitudes Now that the Prime Minister, for her own ends, has set the nation socialist tasks and goals, the Congress if it stands by her will have to carry out the job. Otherwise, the people will desert her as they have descried the Syndicate.

Mr. Giri is of course a Constitutional President and cannot have much say in the making of policies which is the function of the government But he can take interest in these policies and his advice will surely be heard with respect by a government that claims to have radical policies. Dr. Rajendra Prasad and Dr. Radhakrishnan both played notable parts in the political life of the country. But in their time acute questions had not cropped up. Today they have and the vast majority of the Indian people are looking forward to a series of measures that will correct the distor-tions that have been allowed to warp the economy

The President's office is a rallying point Whoever occupies that position represents the nation. That does not mean the President must add up the political motivations of every group and strike an average That would be ridiculous. A nation's spirit resides in the mind of the young and the vast mass of people who keep the business of the country going by their toil and labour. Mr. Giri surely knows that. It was on a point where he thought the Union Govern-ment was not being fair to labour that he resigned from Jawaharlal Nehru's Government That is the kind of ethos that must influence the government in its relation with the working people The occa-sion of the President's election has been utilised to release a number of forces hitherto kept in firm check by the conservatives in the government. Those forces must be canalised into fruitful action. In doing that the government will have a sympathetic President. What more can it ask?

Polarisation Posers

ody of parlamentary States
(question hour) parlance
"Gir Yes, Reddy No, Deshmukh does not arise") just ful to about summed up the relief from tension at the end of a gruelling day. Mr Srikantan Nair (RSP-Kerala) supplemen-Cui" as the final result of the fateful Presidential election was declared by the Returning Officer past 1030 pm It had those who had worked hard for Mr Giri's triumph

In the Central Hall only few had gone home unable to keep the vigil that had started in the morning As Mr Giri's victory became known his friends and ment had seen nothing like Wednesday's excitement and suspense as the counting of votes in the Presidential elec-State brought results adding to motion against the Government and intense that it seemed to Parliament crase the dividing lines, giving use to much fraternisation and good humoured banter The cheers to greet defectors from the Congress Party were per-ceptively louder The two ceptively louder Houses, meanwhile, were virtually ignored as they plodded through business with a listless thin attendance

The victory of Mr Giri is undoubtedly a victory for the Prime Minister The Presidential election had destroyed the Congress Party's unity and it remains to be seen whether it will ultimately split or not. In the lobbies none was taking a chance on the future developments, but most agreed much will depend on whether or not Mr. Nijalingappa and his advisers decide to continue with their course of taking disciplinary action against the Prime Minister and her sup-porters in the Cabinet and in

MR S. M BANERIEE'S part he party's hierarchy in the the subject even before ques-

The result of the Presidential contest has proved more fateful to the Congress Party than to anyone in the Opposition as the voting pattern in the States and at the Centre clearly estab-Nair (RSP-Kerala) supplemented it with three full-throated the ruling party. At the same "Zaudabads" for "Rashtrapati time, is required a second look at the "non-Congressism" of some of the Opposition parties, particularly the non-Communist Leftists Apparently the Left been a worthwhile wait for all Opposition has not banded together as much as the Congress rebels against the Syndicate. As for the Swatantra and Jana Sangh, these have virtually identified themselves with the Syndicate

The resulting changes in the supporters burst into cheers alignment of parties in the and whoopees of joy Parlia Parliament promises, if any-Parliament promises, if anything, to make the mosaic of opposition more confusing. Al- games ready there are tentative sugvotes in the Presidential elec-tion commenced and State after Sangh circles for a no-confidence the uncertainty of the outcome If it materialises - which is an till after a second count As open question at the moment-the voting figures were an- the odds will be on how the nounced for each State, hur- SSP or the PSP will vote or ried calculations were made, how the Syndicate supporters defections assessed and hope in the Congress will behave welled or ebbed between the The schism in the Congress The schism in the Congress rival camps. At the same time Party has endless potentialities the involvement was so deep for the future of the Fourth

> Even before the counting of votes, the non-Communist Opposition sought to question the status of Mrs Gandhi's government, calling attention to the cross voting and the open conflict in the Congress Party In the Lok Sabha, Jana Sangh's Kanwarlal Cupta who raised

tion hour on Monday found support from his party leader Mr. Vajpayce and PSP's Hem Barua. In the Upper House, Mr Raj Naram has been on his feet to insist that there is a Constitutional crisis." SSP leader has advised Mrs. Gandhi's supporters to quit the Congress which is not the first occasion when SSP has held out such invitations to Congressmen, though in this case it is not clear how they intend to overcome their allergy to Mrs Gandhi

The ball is in the Syndicate Mrs Gandhi and her supporters having shown that they are not afraid of polarisation, would Mr. S. K Patil and others with him who initiated the search for "like-minded" parties at the national level now give up or continue the

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Playing the angel



Mr. Chavan will mediate in the Congress in-fighting -Report

The Defection Index

THE Indian Institute of Very of cowardice on the part of ness of any particular psephocome of the Presidential elec- After all, we have now made Our conscience is thus clear tion has been as accurate as is public the fact that we did pre- and our reputation safe Neverpossible in the extraordinary cardict the victory of Sanjiva Redtheless, for the sake of the recumstances attending it it is dy and it will be readily adcord, we should explain why not believe its ears and waittrue that the IIVPO had premitted that no coward would our forecasts could not be given the confession. And very on time. What actually next morning and when it did not be given to the confession. tion. These explanations will be suggestions are beneath con- in time. As a matter of fact, went wrong provided presently.

Private Opinion is gratified IIVPO, our reply is that such logical analysis. that its forecast about the out- suggestion is beneath contempt jiva Reddy and that Mr Giri these very critics who accushas, in the event, won. To pse- ed us of cowardice would now pholograts of long standing, this accuse us of being wide of the means nothing so long as per- mark in our predictions and was working on the calcula- available for Parliament and feetly valid scientific explana- therefore not dependable. The tions it was making and so the after a while, it became absorbed. tions are given for this varia- answer to this too is that such results could not be published lutely clear where the HVPO tempt. Any serious student of by an extraordinary coincid-psephology would concede that ence, even as the IIVPO was To the puzzled readers who it is not the actual prediction completing its labours, the fa- ther unimportant questionmay be worrying themselves but the explanations of the va- teful announcement came. At professionally speaking, that is sick over how they missed riations of the actual results exactly 2232 hrs on Wednes--IIVPO hould deal with some IIVPO forecasts in the first from the predictions that are day the IIVPO tied up its cal- of the results of its investigaplace, let us give the reassur- important And if in the pro- culations and put it down on tions from the point of view of ing information at once: these cess there are some new con-paper that M1 Sanjiva Reddy evolving new psephological forecasts were not published ceptual gains for the science of should win by a margin of 7325 concepts. In the long 1111, these all. To the unworthy sug- psephology, that would be the votes on the second count. And concepts are, as it said earlier,

Our conscience is thus clear happened is that the HVPO not come, it set to work on the was running into a trouble- figures over again In the meansome conceptual patch when it time, the final figures were also

same moment, the IIVPO was intrigued to learn that Mr. Giri has won by a margin of 14650 votes

Before dealing with this ragestion that this was a piece real measure of the worthwhile- tuning in idly the radio at the more important than whether

a particular candidate won or lost After all, it does not matter very much to the world whether it is Mr Reddy or Mr Giri that won. Every sensible person will agree with the IIVPO that altogether too much fuss is made by the rival factions over the catastrophic importance of the winning or losing of their candidates To those who concern themselves with the really important things of life, an election's raison d'etre is the opportunities for new concepts that it provides

the IIVPO on this, then you will be glad to know that the IIVPO has been able to evolve an extremely important concept called the defection index IIVPO will explain how index and how is it construct- and intercepting mails cience" line



If you will go so far with "They want to establish beyond doubt that they are not indulging in whisper campaigns"

this index is constructed in a ed? IIVPO had promised an psephology is not a profession minute and what exactly it answer to this question earfor the squeamish.) One of the means But before doing it, it her and it shall proceed to give crucial estimates is how many will explain how it can be used it at this stage. It can be best of the Congressmen are not Once you have this index you explained by reference to a going to vote for the official can measure to half a vote the conversation it had with a candidate. The iatio of this to variation from expected voting member of the Syndicate two the total number of those in behaviour of particular parties days before the poll (Yes, the the party eligible to vote Thus, you can say within a IIVPO keeps in close touch (suitably weighted by the value) margin of error of 373 in the with the Syndicate) It was of the vote, of course) would value of each Parhamentary trying to explain the concept to give you the detection index. vote (and similar value of half him. It said that the index is When I had explained all this a vote in the States, for ex- constructed after some compli- to the distinguished member ample 4 in the value of Naga- cated calculations based on of the Syndicate, he said, land vote and 72 in the value certain estimates about pro- "Why not call it the ratting of Tamil Nadu vote) how the bable voting behaviour These rate and be done with it?" Congress party would split estimates are made after field The IIVPO carefully considered along the discipline Vs cons- inquiry and other well-tried the suggestion as it does all methods of assessments like suggestions that comes from telephone-tapping, eavesdrop- the Syndicate and rejected it What exactly is the defection ping on private conversations because it did not have the

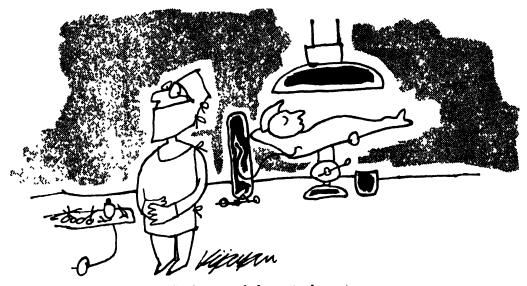
scholarly tone so necessary psephological research.

It is time to explain the variation between our prediction and the actual result. There are several self-cancelling factors that have been in operation. Certain wider fluc-tuations like the voting behaviour of UP politicians have to be examined at length and are best left over for a future occasion. But one thing that struck the IIVPO is the actual difference in the value of the vote. Mr Giri's actual margin over Mr. Reddy in the final count is exactly twice the margin which IIVPO had said Mr. Reddy will have over Mr. Giri. This was so striking a fact that it had the IIVPO reeling



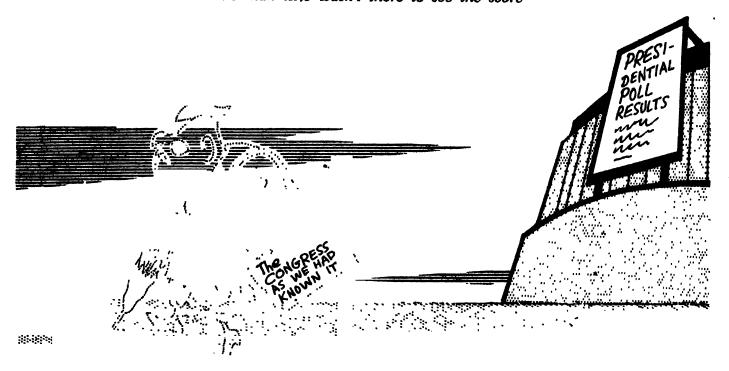
"I've little to say as most of my outspoken speech has been cut out by the organisers.'

under its impact Then examining its calculation sheets. the IIVPO made an astounding discovery, one of the assistants doing the calculations had given half vote of the defection index to Mr. Reddy whereas it ought to have gone to Mr. Gin. That had given the lead to Mr. Reddy. Corrected, the IIVPO's forecast tallies exactly with the published result. There can be no further confirmation of the earthshaking nature of the concept of "defection index"



"Ile's rejected the graft charges."

The man who wasn't there to see the score



Tuesday Week

last Tuesday.

AFTER extensive telephone- ed to two Guppies (the cult bers of the electoral college a city editions of Delhi news-tapping, mind-reading, pss- name for those guided by the lesser freedom, the freedom of papers. In a bitter attack on cho-analysis and the interception of 'Gappa') who beat vote? The tribals upheld the the Prime Minister, the Contion and beating up of messen- him up, that the quarrel was free vote gers, we managed to puzzle out altogether personal. The Prime But the the politics of the last two Minister wanted power, and so met a group of seven dentists planation of such conduct weeks up to the night of the did the Turks It was the classi- who had come that midnight to which was entirely unworthy of But as with most of our situ- them The Guppies hurried back tionalisation which, they said, tion and Broadcasting As I & ations, there was more than one to the Congress President's re-would enable the downtrodden B Minister she had reasonable version. In fact, there were sidence, beating by half an to get themselves new dentines knowledge of the time when dozens of equally credible ver- hour the Prime Minister's At this meeting she took a dif- the last wet page-proof of the

fluence of the flower children, bals from Andamans, explained vote for socialism incidentally, the Nijalingappa dom of the individual, allowing, camp has itself underscored this for example, one individual to fact. It called the free vote the spend as much as twentyfive key to permissiveness. What thousand rupees a day, at the with Justice Khosla's com-same time allowing those who mittee's clearance of the kiss, liked it to keep their families the more conservative sections alive on five annas a day Congress President, and every couriers were all old people, of the Congress, the Socialist In other words, democratic individual member of the Syndi-many of them over eighty. and even the Communist Par- socialism allowed the indi- cate. The letters had been carri- However, she rejected the Synvidual total freedom. In this ed by couriers and were de dicate's charge that these men

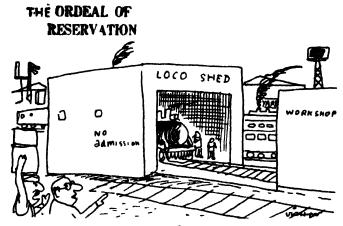
cal polarisation between us and congratulate her on bank na- a former Minister of Informasions, which was just as well courier carrying the usual letter ferent line and explained that newspapers were okayed by the The Prime Minister's camp The Congress President was socialism, though a personal editors and sent down to the maintained that the concept of elated to hear the confession, matter, was not all that perpress. The Prime Minister, free vote was essentially a He contacted the Lano opera-sonal. What about the large through her present Informamatter of ideology. It was a tors over the heads of editors number of dedicated socialists from Minister, made it know that matter of dimension, to put it and gave them the news. In who were entirely without per- the Congress Party would be in the newspeak of the genera- the debate that followed, the sonality? And what about the pulled down to shambles if her tion. After all, New Delhi could Prime Minister, in a personal equally large number of dedi- expertise as a former Informanot remain immune to the in- communication to fifteen tri- cated Congressmen who would tron Minister was challenged the hippies and the yappies, the how democratic socialism was, wanting to understand it? The vision artistes who had gone to guerrillas and the advocates of after all, a personal matter. It dentists merely guinned out their her residence to congratulate other forms of permissiveness, upheld the dignity and the free-gold teeth and hoped that she her for having ensured fair

ter had corresponed with the But it so happened that the

gress President had said that But the Prime Minister also he was going to ask for her exwithout To a group of Radio and Telewould get her teeth into this weather for broadcasting, she matter of socialism. She said, said that the Congress President that precisely was what she was questioning her sense of timing. She had each of those Meanwhile, the Prime Minis- letters ready around afternoon. ties became pretty wary.

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A Young Turk, intercepted context, she asked the tribals, livered so late that replies could were incapable of discharging
on his way to a joint, confess, was it fair to deprive the Mem-not catch the next morning's the functions of their high offi-



"Maybe we stand a better charle of getting a berth here"

ce So the couriers, pedalling As long as he was President he cycles, had ridden up and down would enforce party discipline, the avenues where the digni- which meant that he would distanks lived, tediously searching allow other people out-socialis-out the addresses. All this took ing him. He would not allow a lot of time but, she reminded others to take their individual the Radio artistes, socialism socialisms to the people over took time, and this country had his head cast the die and accepted the gradualism of socialism through persuasion and love

Now, socialism was an extremely sore point. It was everyone's soft underbelly, even the Syndicate's Nijalingappa in a letter addressed to a certain grain merchants association said that nobody, least of all the Syndicate, had any opposition to socialism Even the Jana Saugh was prepared to accept National Socialism. The Sangh in fact, had already venerated the Swastika turned the other Matters were made worse by

conscience was also debated at ther solitary. Swatantra legislamany levels The Congress tor from Gujarat, to sabotage President's opinion was that socialism in this country. The these were distinctly separate Swami had pledged his support quantities Of course, a person even without the Prime Minisquantities Of course, a person even without the Prime Minis-would choose to have his consci-ter making him an offer of the cince of terrim in a party. The Prime Minister's comparate Prime Minister of the Holor portfolio Similarly, the ed her a card-carrying member Prime Minister's camp main- Swatantra legislator had no protained that the party drew sus-tenance from the consciences of they backed her, which Patil others suggested that it was a But habits die hard A pa collective conscience best left to which all along had believed in tion Moves were afoot to susthe Syndicate Chandra Shekhar consensus (though Kamaraj himway But, he said, what the real quoted Karl Marx to prove that self was currently out of his faced polarisation once again. democrats within the Congress mind was the highest product consensus) could not switch were concerned over was the shoddness of the Prime Minister's pseudo-socialism. The pseudo-socialism is pseudo-socialism to the result of the modes of ministed by Chavan who had and the Syndicate's opposition. banks were nationalised overment time banks were nationalised overment denying the bankers time steel plant, the nationalised tor defensive manipulation banks, the defence science laboratories, the agitations for the Government giving them an the small car, all this made up impression that no drastic mea-sure was contemplated. Truth bate was abstract, and both the had to be the basis of the so- Prime Minister and the Congress cialist revolution. The motto of President were annoyed The the Government of India as well. Prime Minister received support as the Congress was Let the from an unexpected quarter, truth prevail All this, challeng. The 'Young North Koreans' in ed in a court of law, might be the Uttar Pradesh Congress shown up as anti-truth and brought forth the thesis that, hence illegal Sanjiva Reddy was after all, the party had adminian aident socialist, like many stered the country for the past other Reddys in the Andhra two decades without a shred of Pradesh Congress - Thimma conscience, and a free vote, in Reddy, for instance, Nijalingap, that context, would involve no pa himself was the greatest of conscience. There was neither all socialists, by virtue of his conscience nor anti-conscience. being the Congress President. It was politics, which was also

the Congress Prosident were lier patch-ups trying desperately for a patch up. But the Prime Minister's patch-up was diametrically op- Communist parties, posed to the Congress Presi- got close together. listed the defeat of V. V. Giri, while the Congress President's polarisation was feared. The Congress President, Tuesday sponsored a patch-up opposed to the Party's official patch-up (or was it patch-work?)

S K. Patil also dissociated hunself from both the patchups. He roundly accused the Prime Minister of having con-Sangh Member of Parhament, Congress The question of discipline and Swami Bhramananda, and ano-

But habits die hard A party

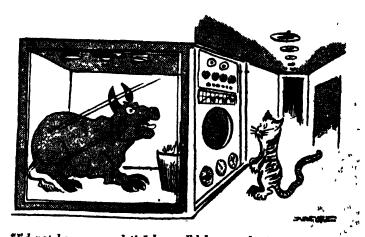
called socialism and democracy. he would rather not surrender But by Tuesday night when his portfolio to the Jana Sangh even the Weather Office was to save socialism. This third scared of predicting anything, patch-up sought to prevent po-both the Prime Minister and larisation between the two ear-

This confounded the two who had With the dent's patch-up. The Prime Min- prospect of the Congress Party ister's recipe for patch-up visua- staying patch up, and the prospect of an Ajoy Mukherjee incarnation of Indira Gandhi revisualised the defeat of Reddy. ceding proportionately, the So bitter was the opposition of Communists felt that nothing these two patch-ups that a fresh much was served in abandoning their mutual recriminations. However, other opposition parmidnight, was contemplating the managed to persuade the serving of a suspension order on Communists, partially at least, the Prime Minister for having to agree to unite both among themselves and with the others. The Jana Sangh was back advocating non-Congressism, as also the SSP. It was considered possible that all the parties including both the Communist Parties, might function as a unispired with a solitary Jana and front opposing the re-united

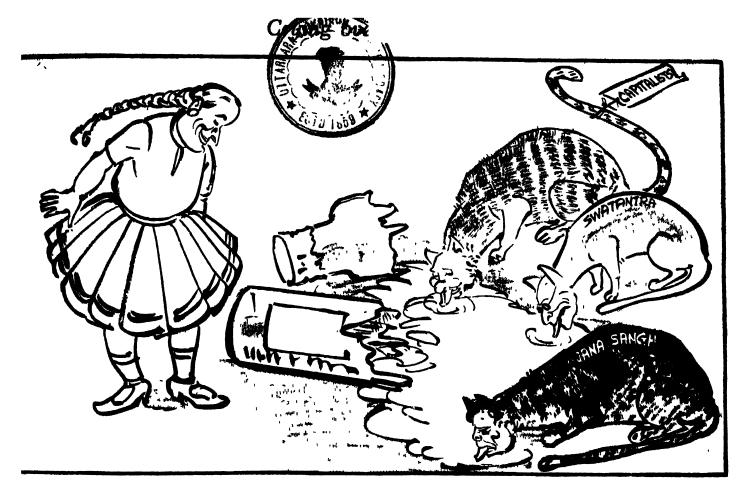
> In a dramatic move, the Congress President once again accused the Prime Minister of having patched up her differences with the Syndicate with the sole of the Communist Party, set up as Congress candidate for the office of Prime Minister by the Intelligence Bureau which was tapping all innocent conversapend her. The Congress Party

The opposition responded

CACTUB



"I'd not have jumped if I knew I'd have to be in quaranti



M1, S. K. Patil bemoans that the Congress will never be the same again

ONE-ACT PLAY

Miasma of Misunderstanding

(Place. Nijalingappa's residence August 17 Present Nijalingappa, S. K. Patil, K. Kamarai, Atulya Ghosh and Morarji Desai.)

a good nap after so many days and nights of runed sleep, feels. When I was in the US Now I am ready for a fight.

G: I have read in The Times ent The atmosphere makes it Literary Supplement that old How these Westerners enjoy people do not need more than life! four hours' sleep a day.

N: So, you think I am an in Europe recently I saw it old man?

all old. Only Giri is old.

G: But he is 75 and you are 72, with birthdays counted

every leap year.

M: That is not fair. I have never asked anybody to celebrate my birthday. If they wish to do so and follow the Eng-lective thinking of the elite is thing against your garden, N How can you set my fault. I regard myself ety plants should not be allowed ning to succeed if making, as different from K: (humourously) There is to coexist. I am only talking of is English prose?

N: Thank god, I have had ya But Giri definitely is old P: A man is as old as he I was feeling like an adolesc-

N That's true When I was

G: Why is Kamaraj quiet? M: Nonsense, you are not at Is he brooding over the election still?

(Enters Asoka Mehta)

Asoka (addressing everybody) What is the trend of your collective thinking? I have the plants and trim the hedges just now read in a book by a also? Harvard professor that the col-

the under-lifties like Samivay- neither thinking nor is there input-output ratio in our pub-

We are just comparing our is the maximum time taken by ages and profiting from Morar a public man to reach nearly

the fork of history, when every Otherwise you have to take one of us should be ponder- the second best as a Senator or ing over the prospects of our a Governor That is the meanplural system I have toiled mg of social mobility which is for forty years in the vineyard the touch-stone of the demoof socialism to end up in cratic system Nijalingappa's backyard-

N. What is wrong with my a book! backyard? First, there was the monsoon and then the mali with all socialists Jawaharlal had taken French leave With was easily enamoured of such all these troubles on my head, you don't expect me to tend

Asoka I am not saying anyplants should not be allowed ning to succeed if the criterion

anything collective about it, he life In the USA, ten years Asoka: What a futile thing are the hump to do when the country is at it land in the White House.

K. How this man talks, like

P. Yes, that is the trouble talk. They say Indira got him the Deputy Chairmanship of the Planning Commission because she was impressed by his English prose.

N How can you expect plan-

Asoka. Planning is after all



That some pages have been torn does not make it a closed book

an orchestration of the society of back-seat driving. He who if there is a wrong note the whole effect is gone called Syndicate ability? After all what does a going through the encyclopa-political parts in a country edia because the journalists like ours need? Resources and might cross-examine me and capacity to use them. Give me ask me about Pandora's box or a party machine like that of Tintulus that the Republic in Party well oil ed with funds and I can proeudlessly

P As you did for the PSP

m the past!

Asoki The PSP is not a write books Party Its ranks are full of half

If one of the strings snaps or pays the piper calls the tune-I I say, sorry to interrupt That is you but please don't put so why the womb of my socialism many difficult words in the is beckoning to you the so statements you diaft for me Why don't and also avoid the allusions to you lend focundity to it with Greek mythology The other the seed of your organisational day I had to spend an hour

mise to win elections for you tish journalists who write books will lap them up and present appointed You should strike you is a great scholar and intellectual Then you can also U.S.A they would not lose a

Yes I really want to backed ideologues with no eye write books but where is the comparing ourselves with Ameon scality. That's why I say time with this wretched con-rica and such other countries why don't you accept my offer troversy? Nevertheless I am Those secretaries they have,

Shaiva philosophy K That will make you a philosopher also

(Enters Tarkeshwari Sinha ın an agitated manner)

They are launching Tar personal attacks against me and she is inspiring them None of you seems to be worm

(She then breaks into an Urdu couplet)

N Sit down and have some coffee What is the meaning of that couplet?

G It means if you look for one and you will find a thousand-traitors

T What nonsense! Sorry I did not mean to be rude In the couplet the poet asks why am I lonely in the company of so many? Atulya Babu, Urdu is not your strong point

Asoka Shouldn't we now bend our energies to some purposeful task? I suggest the Congress President should send a circular letter to every MP and MLA giving our projec tion of the economic and political situation

N Arre bhas take it casy for today We shall see to morrow Tonight I want to sleep carly and tomorrow I will have a sumptuous breakfast. G But the statements read All of vou are welcome I will well The American and Bri- ask Sanjiva Reddy also

Asoka I must sav I am dis while the iron is hot In the minute in such a situation

P (cutting in) It is no use

working on a book on Veera how pretty they look and how efficient they are. It is a pleasure to work when you have an angel like that to assist you.

(At this stage Nijalingappa's secretary bursts in and announces that the astrologer has arrived)

N. What does he want now? Tell him that after the result is announced we will give him baksheesli

No, sur, he says Secretary there is a grave misunderstanding. The horoscope which you gave him is not Dr. Sanjiva Reddy's but that of a cabbage

(Nijalingappa emits a gujfau Others gape in wonderment)

N My goodness, now it comes to me When I was Chief Minister of Mysore I had a very large-sized cabbage plant of which I was both proud and fond When an astrologer said he could draw the horoscope of plants also, I challenged him to do that of the cabhage plant I must have given that to this astrologer.

Scretary He says he is the same person who has drawn it That is how he is so sure

N Doesn't matter now If a cabbage can win, so can Reddy Ask him to come later

Asoka Cabbages and kings This is what I call the miasma of misunderstanding But such is the undulating rhythm of a democratic society that it can take everything in its stride, provided the masses are managed properly

(Curtain)

G S.





Singleness not the purpose

I opened, a face complete- duty in any case ly unfamiliar to me I was certain he was looking for someone else But the gentleman ly account for his coming with smiled at me knowingly Pro sently he addressed me by name and inquired how I was more? doing Of course I was doing gloriously-until that moment! I showed him in

"My wife also has come" he told me and went downstairs to fetch her

I get rattled cnough by visi tors even unaccompanied by their wives. In this case, there was not even the reheving fea ture of my having known the good couple I dived at once into my study and cleared such mess as I could before the visi tor arrived with his lady

"This is my wife he told me with clear pride, which I must say was quite pardonable As they took their seats I said something incoherently about the pleasure being the greater as it was unexpected

Oh! he is my neighbour a few doors away whose letter was delivered at my door by mis take I remembered my having day to hand it to him With the memory reviving, the situation became a little less tense for me and I managed to mumble that

KNOCK at my door When it was a small thing a mere

But that still didn't sufficient his wife to my humble abode For formally thanking me once

We moved in only recently explained the gentleman don't know anyone around I promised I would drop in so here I am' Yes, I recalled his telling me he would drop in though little did I realize then he would in fact. It was a pleasure I assured him once more

At this point I could notice a certain uneasiness in the lady She was looking askance at her husband and both were presently looking into my other room through the doorway My wife thought she would make acquaintance with your wife since we don't know any people around," the husband broke the purpose of their visit!

Now personally I would have loved his wife acquainting herself with mine, more than even It was nice of you to have my having to chat with the hus handed that letter, the gentle man said with genuine feeling there arose a certain chillness in me which the husband ap parently saw I must say he had a keen eye and keen cir too For, not hearing any sound here?



'A satellite is missing!

between the affirmative no l that my wife was at her parents' and the negative and in my place! rattled state, I must have done the one or the other Anyway the gentleman took it - and it me that the law of good-neighwas a trifle too lite to correct bourliness is superior to any him - that my wife was just other law in the ultimate anathen not at home I consoled lysis I had no intention of myself with the thought that allowing the situation to get any very strictly speaking such a more tangled Drawing on inner construction could not be con-reservoirs of strength I said in troverted either If only this firm and measured tones-for matter ended there! But the gentleman persisted "Is she at more important statements of my life - Sir I am a bachelor"

By now I was really weak, and must have smiled in an pa must have reacted when awkward way which was taken as an affirmative answer by the visitor Again strictly speaking, called on him briefly the other from the other rooms he said, the surmise that my wife-God "Probably your wife is not bless her! - was at her parents place could be correct I cannot be indicted (could I be?) for I do not know the difference perjury for honestly believing

But it suddenly dawned on reservoirs of strength I said in firm and measured tones-for

They reacted like Nualingap-Indira Gandhi asked for free vote! The good lady gave a start and her husband's face turned pale. He held her hand and she almost clung to him as if pleading that the time of reckoning has finally come and she should be rescued from the situation She would have made in light rush to the exit but the husband restrained her apparently contemplating on the hizards of an unplumed retreat!

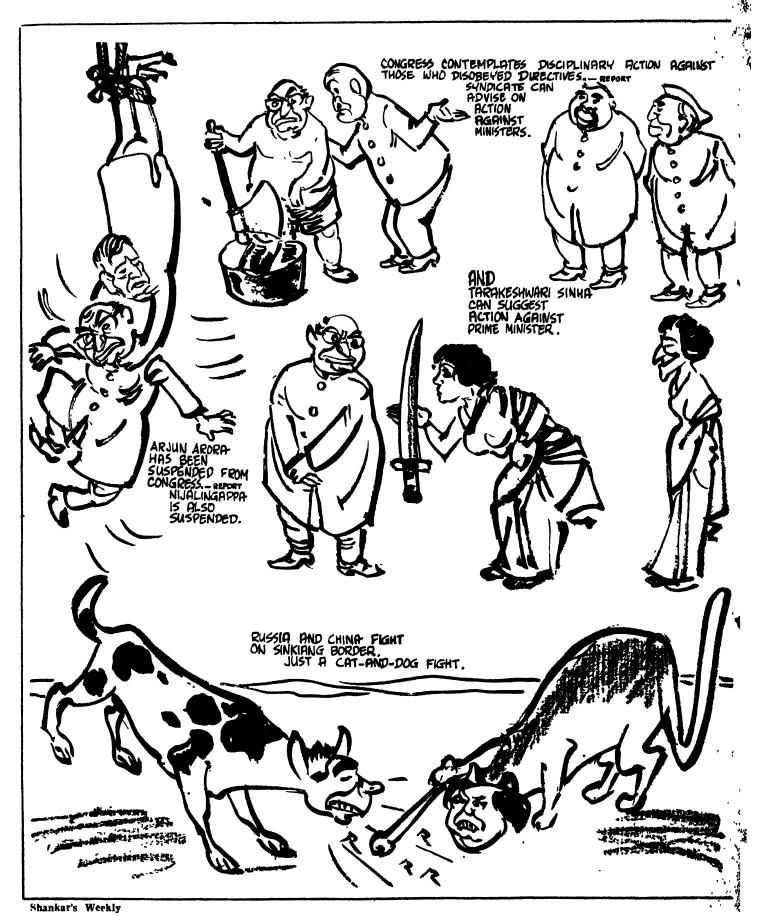
I must have been looking a fool or a knave I do not know which more so when I asked him rather foolishly as it oc-curred to me before I finished, if they had any children As it turned out it was this query which retrieved the situation The husband was definitely on the defensive when he said no, and from that moment until they left half an hour later both of them tended not to hold my singleness against me, as if the one was an extenuating circumstance for the other!

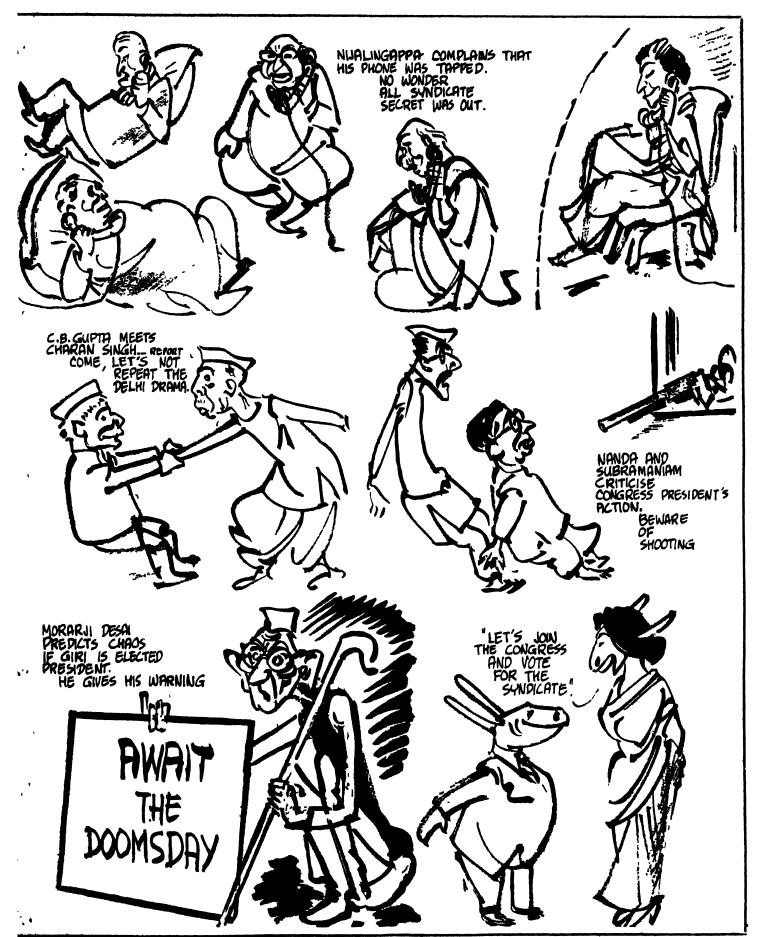


"Tut, tut! who'll want that dirty thing covered with sticky brown dust"

SANJAY









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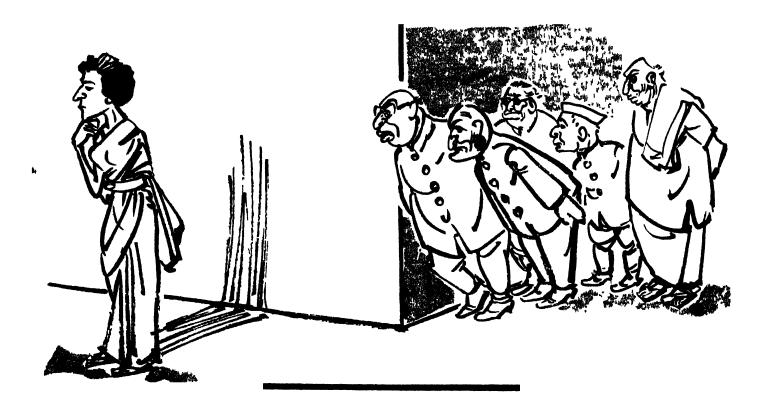
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What's her next move!"



My Conscience and I

THE night was very warm met before?' and stuffy. After tossing in bed till midnight, I entered the realm of sleep

There was a loud knock at the door. I got up and looked at the wall clock. It was twenty five minutes past two in the morning. Telegraph peons find sadistic pleasure in knocking at people's doors after midnight. With a curse on the P & T department, I opened But there was no the door. telegraph peon. A beautiful young lady greeted me with a Good morning, May I come in

I said, "Good morning, P-pplease come in. B-b-but my wife is not here. I am alone.

"Does not matter," she said, I wish to speak to you." And she settled down on the sofa.

*I: "Alright, May I prepare the tea or coffee for you?

The please. Don't worry. I on urgent business." Excuse me. Have we others."

"You don't remember me?" she said with an alluring smile "I am your conscience."

"My what?" I said, I rubbed my eyes and scratched here to talk lov my head to make sure, I was about your vote. not dreaming.

Your conscience," she said. "I feel flattered that I have such a beautiful conscience" I said, I was tempted to be a little closer to her.

"Please don't," she said sternly like my school mistress of good old days. "Let us come to business."

"Yes," I said "What can I do for you?"

"Please listen."—the word please was a categorical imperative, "Why don't you listen when I want to speak to you.

"I am sorry. I have been listening to my wife day and night, and my ears have hardly I any intimation left to listen to C "Thank God she is not date of your party?"

I Thank god Shall we talk my party of love?"

C What? I did not come here to talk love but to talk

I: "Vote? I vote you the most beautiful young woman of the world—better than Reita Faria, will that do?"

C: No flattery please I came to speak about the election to the office of Vice-President of

My emotions suddenly ebbed. "Yes?" I asked "what about elections?"

"I understand that you have pledged your support to P and sent a telegram wishing him grand success," she said.

our party. I am a loyal party man.

The Parliamentary Board of

You mean the syndicate?"

'I mean nothing of the kind."

Don't you know, my dear, (She was as tender in the uso of the word as my wife usually is) that the parliamentary Board is controlled by the Syndicate?"

"I refute that charge"

"You may refute" she argued with a bang on the teapoy before her, but fact is fact

"What do you mean?"

"Is it not a fact that in the Parliamentary Board the ratio of Syndicate to Indicate is five to three

"Yes What of what?" I "May be" I said without comfenced. "He is the candidate of mitting myself to her thesis. "So what?

"My dear S" she said "There-Your party?" She sneered, fore it is not right to follow "Who says that he is the candi- the Parliamentary Board deci-

sion and rush to the telegraph will be scandal." office to send a telegram wishing P success.

I was red with anger I said "Should you therefore call me an ass?

"Oh I am sorry," she said "I am extremely sorry, I meant capital 'S' and not A-double-S"

You may doubt my conseience but not my intelligence? I warned her.

"I have no doubt" she said, "that is why I came to ask you not to follow the syndicate-1 mean the Parhamentary Board -slavishly but follow my ad-

Young ladies like yourself should never dabble in politics I said

Politics is no longer a mono poly of scoundrels

"Agam you are becoming offensive' I protested

"Oh, I am sorry," she said 'I was saying when syndicate deeides a thing you must ask me for whom to vote," she said with a charming smile

"Yes I shall do whatever you say But if my wife knows there

"Agam you misunderstand me But you must listen You must, I mean you please vote for K who is heart and soul a socialist '

"But P is also a socialist," J said "I am for socialism. I must vote for P

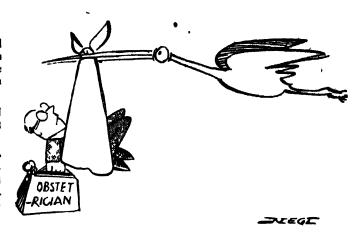
You don't understand," she said "there is a hell of difference between P-socialism and K-socialism The young turks like Ksocialism in preference to Psocialism because the former progressive You must follow the young turks and be progres-

"You seem to have a psychological attraction for bearded "No doubt men' I remarked Marx, Engels, Lenin, Bernard Shaw had and even some young turks have beard but that does not mean that bearded K is more progressive than P

"Don't be personal" said my conscience 'Take the ten point programme, which Vice-piesi dent can bring it quicker than others? It is K and not P

"But what about whips?"

"Whips are for smaller matt-



ers. On vital issues my whips crack sharper Would you mind a tew lashes of my whip?" she said bringing out a whip from the folds of her sari

I remembered the cane of my school mistress of good old days, and shivered.

"I shall obey! I shall obey!" 1 screamed.

"Promise you will not be naughty! Promise you will not vote for the Syndicate candidate!"

"I do promise" I said.

"Repeat after me-long live Ksocialism!"

"Long live socialism"

is not socialism-but Ksocialism, It must have a gutteral sound"

'Long live Ksocialism."

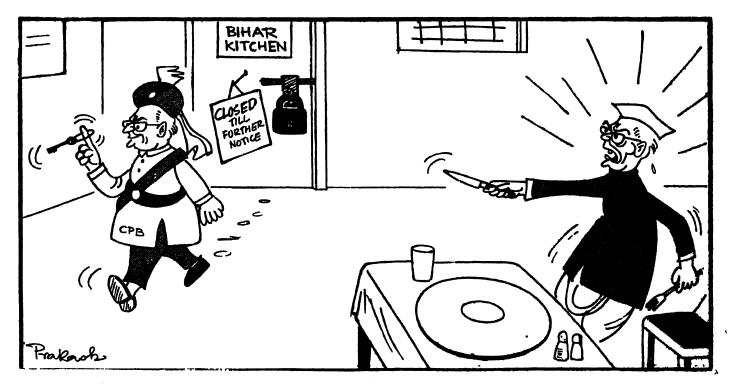
"So good night. Never forget the voice of conscience Never vote for Syndicate candidate.'

"Yes, I mean-never."

She faded from the room. got up, wet with sweat

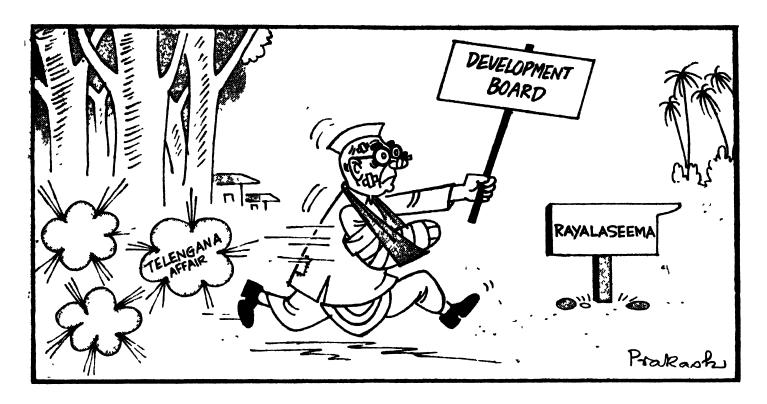
BACK BENCHER

"What, no turkey!"



The Congress Parliamentary Board rejected the Bihar unit's plea for permission to form a ministry.

Taking no chances



Mr. Brahmananda Reddy has announced a development board for the backward Rayalasecma region of Andhra Pradesh

Coming events

before birth, whether it is going ter twenty one years hence to be a boy or a girl. He has claimed a hundred per cent suc-*tific progress and extending the employment level. a line should be drawn some- must run to several lakhs. Just a coconut should have been in professional fees and may these things before.

auspicious dates and timings for a propitious start There are, no doubt, many betrothals, weddings, Ministers' who would be interested to get tours, laying of foundation advance information about the stones of private residences and the astrologers' time is devoted increased unemployment with sex of the coming baby but business offices, and suggesting to predicting birth of boys for the shadow of the next General there are others who do not proper timings for casting of families which feel they have too Election looming large already? worry too much about it. Actual-V.I.P. votes. A prominent indusmany girls already and girls for by there has been more concern trialist of the conservative school those who have all boys. This and speculation lately about who told us that the main reason is particularly so in villages blem from the point of view of would be elected as the next why public sector undertakings where 80 per cent of our people would-be parents. At present President. This is a good sign do not show profit is that these live. With no land revenue to the long months of waiting for showing that we are a progres- are manugurated without any re- pay and the Community Deve- the child's arrival are spent in sive democratic country and our ference to the horoscope of the lopment people cleaning their wondering whether it would be

ACCORDING to a recent press importance to national rather ector. According to faithful the villager has more time free report a doctor in Mexico than individual problems. After and gullible circles, bank nation- for astrologers. Family planhas worked out a chemical test all, a new-born child, irrespec- alisation will have a diffi-ning publicity is also beginning which would determine, mouths tive of its sex, is a potential vo- cult time for thirteen mouths to make a dent on the astrolobecause the disposition of the ger's trade. If the new foolplanets on the day it was proof scientific test for deter-One should also look at these brought into force was not fa- mining the sex of the next child cess for it. One is all for scienthings in the context of the un-vourable. Some astrologer gets known and adopted over Although should have been consulted, the whole country, astrologers bounds of human knowledge but precise figures are not available, better still, a consensus obtain- will become under-employed, most parents would agree that the number of our astrologers ed among the leading ones. Also This will lead to under-cutting where. Besides we have heard now there is enough work for broken on the steps of the Re- well throw thousands out of them, what with finding out serve Bank to give the measure work when it is seen that one

astrologer will do where two were needed before. Can we A considerable proportion of afford to meet the challenge of

Let us now consider the promature electorate attaches more Minister and the Managing Dir- drains and mending their wells, a boy or a girl-and this provides the parents with a talking be born to you in five months it away and you have time hang- an application, etc. ing heavily on your hands.

entertain any application which precious gifts tells them that you learn on reliable authority that a son will

point, helping to pass time. Take time and enclosed herewith is

All things considered, one Suppose one did know for feels that there is much to be certain six months ahead that it said for not knowing everything will be, shall we say, a boy One ahead of its proper time The doesn't need to get trousers certainties of life are already too made for him, to await arrival. much with us, we know that The sartonal requirements for the income tax and excise duties both boys and girls (nappies and will go up again on 1st April, safety pins), their baby food, 1970, prices of food-stuffs will milk hottles, toys, prams etc are rise another 10%, the quality of the same for several months indigenous cars will deteriorate after birth. Selecting a name is further, tyres will wear out fasno problem, it does not take ter, roads washed away quicker, long and, in any case, the grand- and political defections will be parents will have a lot of say in more frequent. Let some things it—and they don't need much still remain in the realm of sur-notice. For some high-grade prise, like what the next post public schools one has to regis- will bring or what a gift-parcel ter the boys soon after birth, if will reveal after the coloured they have to have a chance of ribbons and the wrapping paper securing admission at the age of have been removed. Likewise for ten, but one is doubtful if their children which, in reasonable principals would be prepared to numbers, are one of God's most

H. R. L.



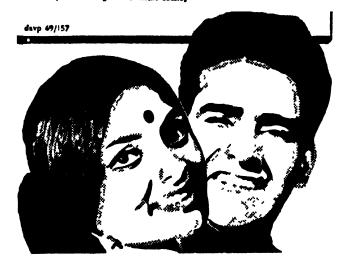
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A pellet-size transmitter Swallowed with the meal. Sends vital information re. The ulcer that won't heal

Well-armed with wondrous gadgets And apparatus new, The scientists look at things, so far Hidden from our view.

Now, this the latest instrument Will do the timber merchant in, By showing up his 'seasoned' teak Is moist beneath the skin!

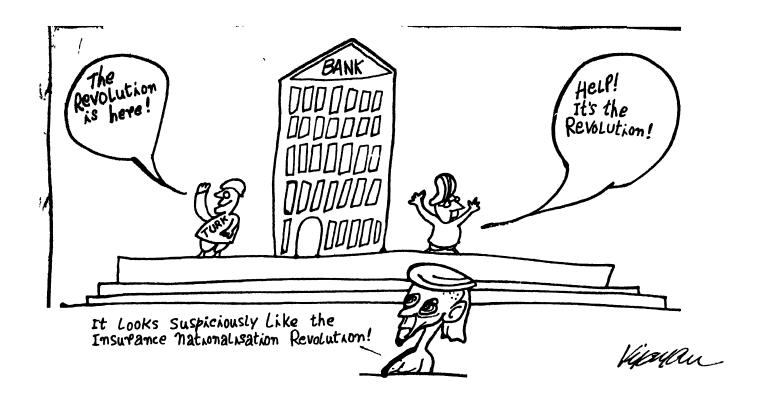
I wish inventive genius Could help me deal with felons Who sell to me in summer months, My daily water-melons

I pay as much and often more, Spend lots of time and labour, What I select is never as sweet, As that bought by my neighbour.

I'm sure some clever Ph.D. Could a magic rod invent, Which would, on touch with melons, show Their specific glucose content.

H. R. LUTHRA

24 August 1969



The Start

for another half-hour and I simply couldn't let this one slip running and the bus shook and case strained like a hungry hound on a leash.

I sat down panting. Through ing to harp on his butt the window I saw a mother with a baby in her arms and a couple of kids in tow starting to run as race, gnashing her teeth, draggot stuck in the door.

hear the bus," observed the chap cases is that after dropping his conductors were down drivers. They shouldn't wait till I get beside me. "I wonder whether cigarette, the conductor, loaded to gibbering weeks at the end the court-bailiff". Again he

ed walking as I could, just blokes sprinting. Do you know, ful despair of losing both his ci- thirty paces away, so that the short of running undignifiedly. I'd just started smoking a ciga- garette and the bus But when I heard the whir and rette and when I heard the bus rumble of the engine, I dropped 1 just dropped the butt, three dignity like a hot potato and inches long. And here I am, ran, as the next bus wasn't due without a smoke, feeling silly "

"I don't think they do it to through my fingers, or rather watch the fun or with the laudtoes. When I entered, it was able intention of taking some when they allowed smoking even rang the bell, which made the quite an anti-climax, because avoirdupois off the excess-fatt-there were hardly a dozen peo- cd," I replied. "More probably ple in the bus and nary a sign the bus has some starting trouof either the driver or the con- ble and the prudent driver has the past and nothing so irksome ductor, though the engine was left the engine running just in as the present, because in the

""I know," I interposed does happen. And any observant if she'd to win a three-legged person will find that the longest cigarette butts are lying near ver and the conductor rushed in how. Now sit down and buy ging the kids like mad and rush- bus-stops, because the moment and the latter rang the boll to your ticket or get out, fast." ing in so fast that the lot of them the impatient person lights a ci-start even before the driver Then he loudly twanged his garette to kill time, bang, the could get into his seat, which punch in my face and screechbus arrives and he drops his made the driver mutter and ed "Ticket? People should be Everybody runs whon they fag. And the worst of it in some scowl fiercely. That was how ready holding out their money they keep the engine running to to capacity, refuses to admit of a few years, either they rang rang the bell and bellow-

WHEN I saw the bus, I start- enjoy the sight of middle-aged him, when he suffers the fright- the bell when the driver was

"It was wonderful when they allowed you to smoke in cinemahouses, buses and so on," he said reminiscently

"Yes," I said, in prunary schools, which must have been in grandfather's time. There's nothing so pleasant as present most of the time we are waiting for something to happen "But like a silly fool I-" be- For instance, I wonder when book? I left it on my seat gan my interlocutor, again try- this confounded bus is going to start, or whether they have park- "Yes," said the conductor, ed it just to catch people, like a smiling savagely "Yes, I found "It sort of fly-paper

At this moment both the dri-

passengers thought that he (the driver) was a horrible sluggard and a dope, or they simply wouldn't ring the bell when the driver was in his seat, his hand on the starter and looking at his watch And the minute he re-'and perhaps laxed, the conductor violently driver give an awful start before he started the bus

> Just then a man rushed in and dashing to the conductor, asked, "I'd been in this bus when it stopped here Did you find my

> your book, your baby and your grandfather's will All of them had got stuck in my hair some

ed to the driver, "Get started, will you? What do you think I have, a time-schedule, or my uncle is the chairman of the bus company? What are you waiting for, your parasol and your poodle?"

The bus, which had all along been throbbing with the stertorous whir of the engine, had become strangely silent The driver was staring before him, chug-chugging with the starter and failing to eatch on "Damn if the engine hasn't gone dead again!" he said in an awed whisper

The conductor struck lns forehead, forgetting that he was holding his metal punch Then he recovered from the excruciating pain and yelled, "But you kept the engine running just to avoid this! What do you think you are, a driver or a joker in a it start somebody has to push that much propulsion If all you not needed. He chatted gaily tamasha? Why couldn't you her So go ahead and push. I'd coax it along, you silly oaf? And have helped you to push, but I now who'll push the goddam can't very well leave the wheel, bus, I ask you?"



Now that the VC has resigned, change the placard and agitate for the withdrawal of the resignation."

can I?"

"You will," calmly retorted the The conductor knew he was driver "And with your tongue licked Then he looked at the hanging out, if you wish it. It's restive passengers and said omimy job to drive I want to drive, nously, "Now don't be smart and if anybody tries to prevent and think that if you just sit me from driving, I'll fight him tight, you'd be going places. Of till my last breath But I can't course, I'd push my damnedest.

menjacks get down and lend a with the ladies, who of course helping hand, it will be so much were not pushing "Push hardtime saved If not, you can wait er," he said "All you've to do is till the last trump for the bus to get it up the grade and once to start "

So we got down and pushed. The conductor lit a bidi and with forty hands pushing, the

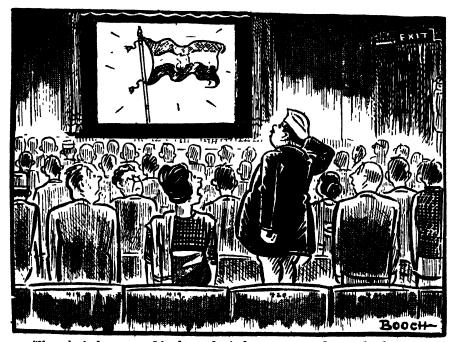
up it, it will go down for a furlong without pushing."

And so it happened. We walked beside us, knowing that weated it up the grade and, with the last push the bus startdrive it till it starts, and to make But the bus won't move with fortyfirst and forty-second were ed going down The conductor lightly stepped on the foot-board and the bus just went. The down-grade distance was over a furlong, almost as good as the next bus-stop, and as the engine hadn't caught up yet, the struggling driver let the vehicle roll, silently and swiftly. Another minute and the bus looked as small as a speck on the hornzon.

> "It seems we got left," said the querulous gent who'd been pushing beside me

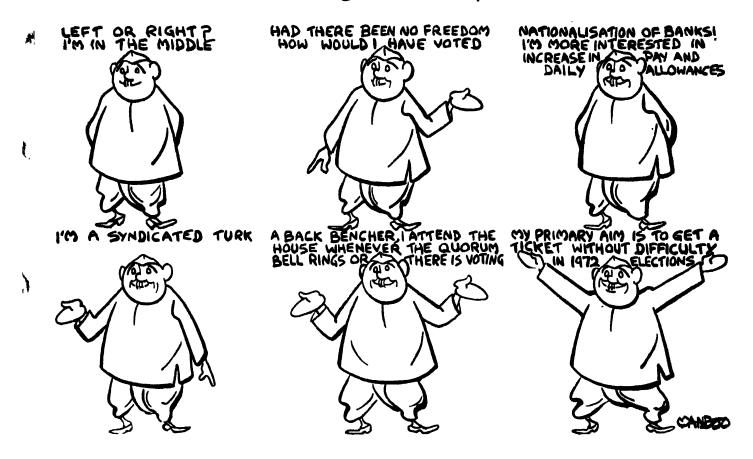
"Such is life," I said "Some get a ride and some get left., But this is the one occasion course the good conductor."

when all got left, except of "But my umbrella!" yelled the man, suddenly remembering. "I left it on my seat!" and he sprinted like mad. G. V. KULKARNI



"You don't have to. It's the end of the picture, and not flag-hoisting."

The long and short of it



"Won't somebody save my baby?"

THE Committee for Awarding place the Annual Medal for rearing its ugly head behind ade out of his pocket and and it steamed on relentlessly.

Bravery was standing on the some bushes and took a pot threw it at the train. It fell Now it was man versus hill, binoculars ready, and shot at it. But conspiracy on the last compartment and pencils in hand, while the ducked and fled, but John could set it on fire. And still the official scorers were sitting see from the way it held its train went on keep the tally. From around turn The child stood up, the corner, the train came, completely revived He came on the tracks rooting for John. himself on to the tracks bepuffing away to glory, while up and commiserated with "Come on, come on for God's tween the engine and the baby on the tracks a baby crawled, John and said, "Hell, all this sake," it yelled John threw The engine stopped, non-quite oblivious to the danger getting cut up and being it was in The starter fired a stitched up, is giving me a But the tracks had been built run over the baby but what of very good material and its policy was toward. poised over their notebooks to tail up, that it planned to re-keep the tally. From around turn The child stood up, 150 yards away from the tracks ent Esperanto at the mound of on Somebody on the train and a stream of fire enveloped him to earth that had tripped him up. opened fire on John. But John the engine The driver fell out, thems It hadn't been there yesterday was wearing his bullet-proof his clothes on fire, screaming when he had inspected the shirt from Carnby Street and very horribly. But the engine

he and the committee almost there, and so was the train So engine sped forward relaxed But too soon, for he also was conspiracy. The tripped, and fell flat on his starter fired his pistol, and the John switched on his jet pack face, and the train neatly sliced train and John began to move and flew towards the haby An the baby into two. Doctors Conspiracy suddenly became a anti-aircraft gun opened fire on came up and sowed the baby sheet of mud and slush and lay him. But he flew on to the up. The man whose name was in his path. But Sir Walter baby, as a crow flics, with a lot Johnny Never Giveup, or John Raleigh materialised and put of cawing and flapping of for short, cursed away in flu-

He saw conspiracy he was safe He pulled a gren- was set on automatic controls

of very good material and its policy was towards other nothing happened to them men who threw themselves bebegan running, in his third attempt to save the baby. The was there again on the hill bre Someone uncoupled all time that it took for the engine train came closer, but so did The baby was there, John was the compartments and the to send a message to HQ and

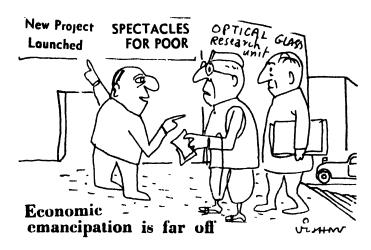
They were only ten yards receive an answer John grabbed the baby and got out of the way

The only people who did not laud hun for his bravery were the movie producers who thought that it was wrong of him to muck up a chehe of

SRINIVASAN KRISHNAN



'If you want a favour, son, ask your mother'



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"This is the 412th call he has made this month"

The lounge suit

IN Bombay, they say, anything can happen Three days after coming here, the office telephone rang My cousin was in town for the evening and wanted me to dine with her and discuss 'Important Family Matters.

Which with this cousin, could mean only one thing-try and get me married off to her latest fancy Come in a lounge suit, she warned me, 'I'm staying at The Rays" A bit incongruous the place, for such occasions, I thought Anyway Eastern customs in pseudo-Western settings, and the cultures have to meet I suppose And since my faithful slaves while packing the suitcase (the trunks were to follow later) had put in only the jacket, I could only ring up Sita Did she have anyone at her office who was about my size and had a loanable lounge suit?

'Yes', she promptly replied, But he is a bit thin

T'm not terribly portly myself.' I reminded her with a touch of asperity.

So I met Jonathan, who turned out to be also Secretary of the Judo Association, and very pleasant. His suit he said, had and clad in tested charm, I sallied forth

My cousin was charming (1 was seeing her after four years) and the girl even more so And very attractive too She glided into the Belvedere Room and eyes popped like champagne corks and strong men nearly sobbed aloud Our table was a discreet one, without having to veral purists gasping in disbepeer around pillars at the poor, under-nourished girl doing vague Kathak for the foreign exchange sorts, who looked bored anyway.

An intimate tone was struck straight away The girl had on a perfume which brought back memories of my distant youth and her present one touched a chord of nostalgia She read Marie Corelli and 'didn't mind' Brahms She confessed a fondness for Ikebana and French, that clearly put her in Category A' along with a million others of her captivating sort in Bombay.

We had just risen from Fried Pomfret and Cheddar Cheese, looking deeply into each other's eves and avoiding my cousin's, who too looked elated Gotchim! . One could hear her exult silent-Suddenly this perfumed Marie Correlli reader leaned over and asked 'Do you always wear your trouser bottoms so .. large?'

'No' I replied. 'Then why the exception today?'

'Not my own clothes', I confessed 'You see this chap Jonathan probably wears it for his Judo

But her nose was up in the air, tilted at a beguiling angle.

'But I love Marie Correlli,' 1 pleaded, 'or will when I read her right this evening

She looked a bit glacial.

My trousers are coming tomorrow', I almost yelled, trying to hide a positive feeling of relief that was beginning to creep in My bed sitter may still seen similar attempts through remain in splendid confusion with pajamas thrown over the table lamp because the switch did not work

> My cousin almost rose to the occasion. Did she know that my novel about the Bombay Sixties awaited publication? That my backhand at badminton had se-,

But no, I could see, all was lost for want of too little at the ankles I thanked Ionathan warmly next morning and agreed to drown sorrows in

Next time, perhaps, I can do the cabarct myself (The Apache from Altamount Road') by throwing my cousin promptly on the dance floor.

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MUCH is made of the fact that this film is based on an idea of Ian Fleming's, and directed by Terence Young, the Bond director. It must have been in a casual conversation that Fleming mentioned this sketchy idea, for it displays none of his normal inventiveness or story-telling skill.

But this is a propaganda film on the evils of drug smuggling and peddling so perhaps one should not look further than the moralistic good intentions with which it was made. Like all good charity performances, it pourri of Big Names Yul Bryn- a ship ner, Omar Sharif, Trevor Howard, Eli Wallach, Jack Hawkins, Angie Dickinsin, etc etc They hour breaks while filming other come off. But then they should 'Hour of the Gun' he is faced Wyatt, watches the town of films.

One is a U.S. Army Colonel. one is a United Nations man on the Drug and Narcotics Committee, one is a Mafia contact, one is a member of Interpol and

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"The Poppy is also a Flower" supply of opium from its source in the mountains of Iran to the port of Naples. Several of the charity performers get bumped off en route, and presumably go back to their 'real commitments,' and Trevor Howard and his companion get left behind to do the dirty work

Fist fights, an encounter with Rita Hayworth playing a dope addict with conviction and unhappy lines on her face, a karate match with the fat Japanese who wielded a bowler hat in Goldfinger, and a fairly satisfying chase in a railway junction are part of the fare. Jack Hawkins has a good innings as the has contributions from a pot rough South African captain of

One supposes that even the box office wallahs need to do appear in bits and pieces pro- their good deed for the year, bably shot during their lunch and it is a shame that it doesn't have put more time and thought with the problem of blood lust Tombstone - delightful names into the making of even a and revenge pseudo-documentary.

"Hour of the Gun"

MEDICAL OUT PATIENT DEPT COLLEGE Dearth of Patients orries Medical Students

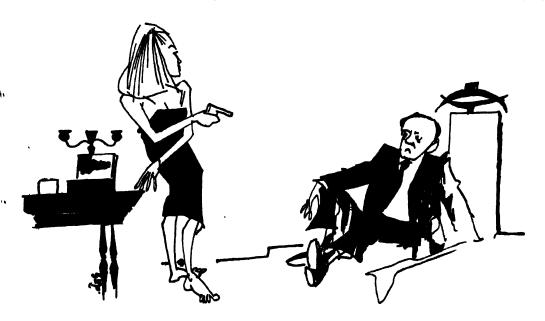
"We've trained that patient to come everyday with new symptoms, in order to placate the students'

noncommittal movie, spare. which is so noncommittal that Wyatt Earp is one of the Clas- one wonders why he bothered

these Arizona towns have-being taken over by Robert Ryan and John Sturges has made a lean, his posse of goondas. They fix the law and order situation all right by maining one brother of Wyatt's and killing another so on The narrative traces a sic goodies of the Western In at all James Garner, playing during the election for town sheriff Ryan then installs his own stooge as sheriff and starts thinking of finishing off Wyatt.

> Meanwhile Wyatt, helped by Jason Robards, the alcoholic Robin 1100d, feels revenge mounting up inside his clean, law-abiding nature. He ends up by dispersing Nemesis to Ryan and Co, but almost in spite of his better intentions

> The conflict within is hard to follow because this is a lean, spare movie and there isn't much talking When one has to guess at what's going on inside a dumb-looking, inexpressive face like James Garner's then all one can look forward to are the shooting matches. Hitting the dust is what really matters



"The Poppy. a flower"

Mrs. Davis Cup

THE women in front were the left turned and asked I for the reverse singles, the drop pan and carnest. A heavily complaining was too sweet

wear

The second singles had all had a fast first service portents of fairly heady stuff Wantanabe held his service, one game to zero, and the crowd, stilling its paine at the thought of possible defeat, laughed

gaily at what he thought were his behalf admirers of his and the match became taut The chap on

cooing over each other's hope Jaideep Mukherjea wins', by drop recipe, on the right, ringed finger was pointed at saries. Lucknow chikan was That is Premit Lal' I said for homemade wine, was carelike a Hima Pea? She shriekof Venkatgin, while Krishnan not, he said even more so, look surprising everyone else, serve at the photograph in the Proed another acc Konishi dealt gramme 'It must be' I said fourth match and remarked in S P's volleys rocked the corners
with, I went down for a drink crushingly, I have played him the heat, with a winning simile until his clean acc at 2 sets up,

players at a cocktail party that as though by sleight of hand that the new cook was an sat down near-by mounted would they ever among the uninterested holder. The poor boy

Getting too much I said So

and the ladies were there too vears ago and have been trying at us, 'Very cool out here'. 5-4 deuce, was disallowed by The coffee, they could be heard to forget the score ever since. Who cared The problem was a tiny linesman. The crowd whether Vasu would be anyelled. Shopping plans were
For the doubles, next day noyed at the garden chairs drowned out, then stilled.
But they were meeting the the neighbours had all changed ordered, and did Radhika know Jaideep Mukheijea came and ayers at a cocktail party that as though by sleight of hord that the stilled.

given complementaries for Poor Japan wasn't getting streamers claiming their tyres anywhere 'Banzai Konishi', I had a fast first service yelled He gave a fleeting smile and thumped down two Wantanabe held his service, 'That must be a Maharam' aces, but Lal's general return the umpire said Jaapaan leads said the mation on the right of service held him off and his 'No, the Governors wife' I ground strokes weren; up to muttered, almost ashamed of anything Konomori voluble inside information, and that during changeover should have boy in the 'Jewel Thue' cap got together with my neighbor. looks cute 'Akhtar Ali, the bours Apple-cheeked and Deccan Queen seemed dis-The unput waved a hand coach I blushed profanely on plump, then maternal instincts tinetly republican. The toasts would have suitably soared

Misia was as usual dead-

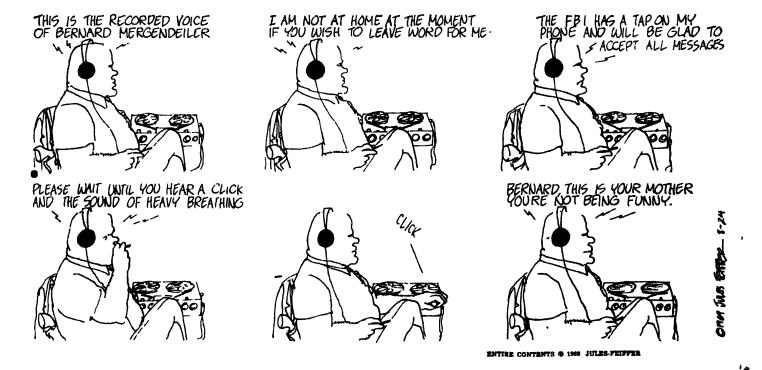
ed. Mrs. Choudhary/Mrs.

The poor boy doesn't seem to be eating too well'. Choudhary/Verma's wife said sympathetically. I put on my most winning smile. Why don't you fatten him up for the next round slaughter'? I asked as I moved away and left for a bothersome appointment

On the way back even the at breakfast were quite soggy.

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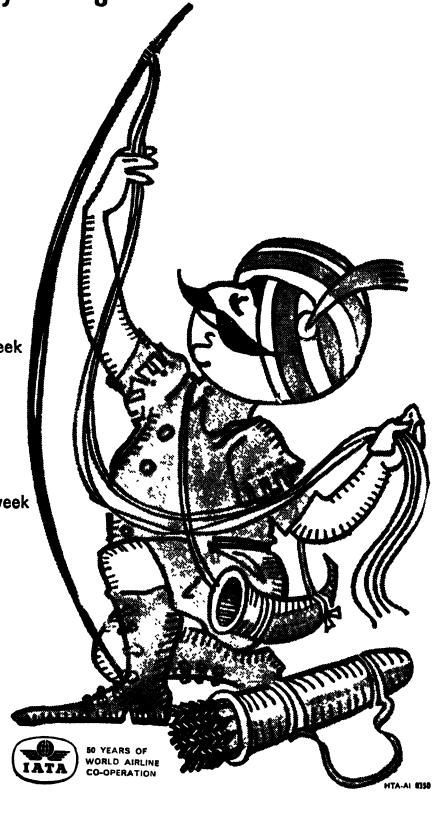
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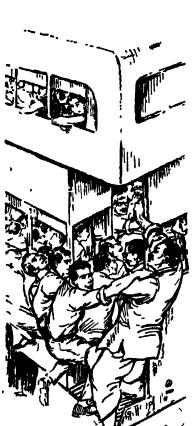
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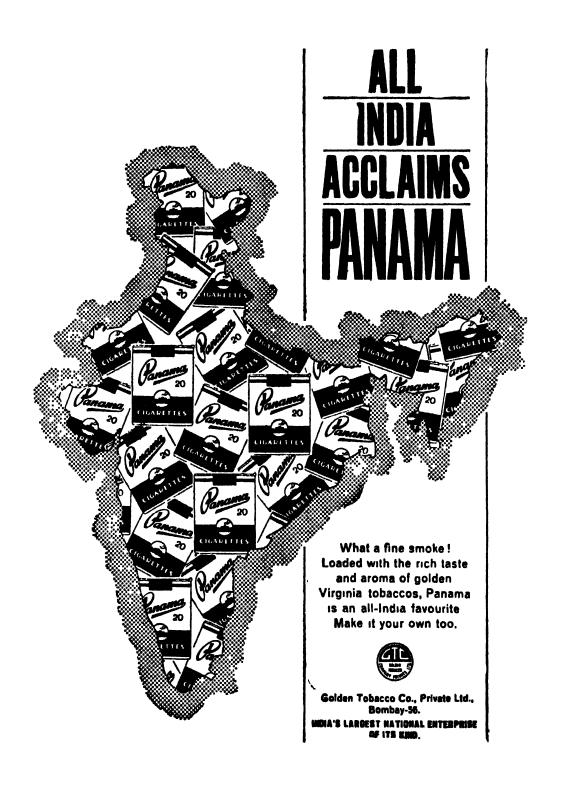
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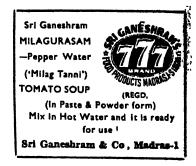
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FREE THINKING

NE of the most interesting developments in Western countries is the liberal attitude of the Western Press to what is happening in the under-developed world While our own "national" newspapers were screaning their heads off over the imminent take-over by Communism following the government's nationalisation of 14 major Indian banks, the British and American papers were congratulating the government for its bold decision to set about bringing major socio-economic reforms in the country. The contrast is very sharp and revealing

The West, by and large, seems to have got over the obsessions of the cold war. The skilful propagandists of the McCarthy era had gone too far in frightening people with the Communist bogey and had been found out when reality turned out different. The myth of monolithic Communism was shattered after Khrushchev's denunciation of Stalin but it took Mao Tsetung and the invasion of Czechoslovakia by Soviet troops for the West to realise how fragile was Communist ideology in a technological world.

And now that the Nixon Administration is trying, hesitantly and clumsily, but still trying to come to some understanding with China, the fear of Communist imperialism has receded largely into the area of myth Moreover, the Western policy-makers have become sufficiently sophisticated to understand that the United States cannot ensure political stability or economic progress by passing on dollars to professed sympathisers of U.S. policies. Some changes in the infra-structure have also to be made to give to under-developed economies the necessary push for maintaining self-sustaining growth

Indian newspapers and the industrialists—who own them have not been able to take these sweeping changes in ideas. They are crying "wolf," looking hopefully to a West which has identified the wolf as a sheep. Indian vested interests are hopelessly out of date, otherwise they would not have coined the slogan "Giri's victory is the victory of Communism."

The fact is many people in India now have a working knowledge how the mass media function in this country—whether in the "free" Piess or in areas like broadcasting and TV over which government has sole control. There is little freedom in either media. The answer lies in making the Press a social institution, by handing it over to committees or trusts elected by journalists, non-journalist employees and representatives of either the owners in the case of the Press or the government in the case of AIR and TV

This kind of broad-based control will serve as a fillip to meaningful discussion about our social, political and economic mores. The sacred cows of the Constitution, the judiciary and parliamentary democracy, not to mention socialism as interpreted by various Leftist parties, can be honestly evaluated only in a society where mass media operate as a social apparatus Otherwise the contrast between the West and us will deepen.

The Man of the Week



PLEASE TURN OVER FOR PEN PORTRAIT

The Man of the Week

M R S NIJALINGAPPA. non-President of a non-

Congress Party has at last found out the missing element in the political calculus of the "Syndicate'-the common people of this country They have, of course, no voice in the selection of Congress candidate for the office of the President or for the perquisites of a member of the panchagat But they have developed a knack for coming up at the right time to knock the urong man on the head Mr Nyalingappa is in reality a victim of the Syndicate and particularly of its most conferous spokesman, M1 S K Patil M1 Patils u ar cries and martial postures impressed Mr Nyalingappa so much that he let out some roars himself But when the chief roarer turned out to be a papertiger, Mr Nyalinga-

Today he is the executive head of a political organisation which has had its nommee defeated largely by defections within that organisation His plea for the 1emstatement of Morary Desar has been summarily turned down His move to get the Prime Minister and her colleagues 'disciplined' has fallen through The Chief Minister's seat to which he might have returned otherwise now seems shaku UN Dhebar, Kamaraj Sanprayya all lost then position in their home States after becoming President of the Congress

ppa's conce failed

Mr. Nyalingappa cannot be blamed altogether for the sorry pass he and the Coneress have reached Partly this is the fault of the Prime Minister who has played her own political game, threatening to upset the Board when it went against her. For the people this should provide an object-lesson in power polities For them it matters little who wins or loses What they are interested in is which policies suit them and which do not If Mi Nyalingappa had pre-empt-ed Mrs. Indira Gandhi by taking on socialist hucs, he uould have been the cock of the walk As it is, he displays the perplexed disgrantlement of the squirel that has lost its nut.

The Crisis

Congressmen generally, and Right Communists in particular, have lost faith in the Crisis It was not just the Left fringe that had thought up the Crisis The entire national Press, braving the possibility of a takeover by Communist-and I & B Ministry-inspired sons of pro-prictors, had committed the nation at large to an inescapable Congress crisis With the case for the crisis so formidable, the anticlimax which ensued could not but be received with the greatest possible disgust One Communst theoretician, in a document which has since been suppressed, claims that this is not a coming crisis but a going crisis, which, like the expanding universe, keeps away, leaving Mrs Gaudhi free to deal with people the way she wants. At this rate there would be no crisis even in 1972 Instead, there might just be an antichmax, namely, the collapse and the vanishing of the Central Government

a great spurt in letter-writing Letier-writing has always been Under British occupation the blueprint for Congress strategy the guise of letters written by a father to a daughter who the Vicerov was dead certain, would never read them then or understand them later The letters were actually meant for all dailing daughters', which meidentally is an euphemism for dear comrades. Each letter involved a foursome the person who wrote it, the person for whom it was written, the person it was read out to and the person who read it This shows that the political party and its leadership has kept pretty close to the national level of literacy and political education At least a few letter writers Asoka Mehta Asoke Son, to name some of them, have distinguished themselves

taken on a myriad meanings to suit practically every kind of opinion or deviation Thus, the Syndicate was found to be equal to the non-Syndicate, equal to collective leadership. equal to faith in the Prime Minister, equal to nostalgia for Nehru, equal to faith in taxiwalas and tongawalas, equal to support of bank nationalisation, equal to practically anything. In short, it was unity Here, the Congress has displayed a rare scientific awareness Pandıt Nehru wanted people to be oriented to science In science everything is capable of being reduced to unity, to the symbol 1 That is precisely what has happened in the Congress After the rift was healed and the quarrel patched up, everyone has been reduced to unity Everyone is x One could be another x, only the Prime Minister is not i she being the present and the continuing Prime Minister

Report on the Congress

Another important consti-The last fortnight witnessed tuent of our political reality is a thing called miasma Asoka Mehta discovered it, he revels part of the Congress tradition, in it And, events providing an occasion, Asoka Mehta never fails to make mention of the was smuggled out of prison in miasma. He did so in the letters he wrote for the Congress President The Congress President had complained that his letters could not catch the headlines because the Prime Minister sent him her letters around midnight and the replies could not go until the next morning The Prime Minister meanwhile has rejected this charge The delay it would appear, resulted from Asoka Mehte having had to explain to Nijahngappa what a miasma meant Miasma was not the crisis Miasma was not just confusion. The Congress President, a confirmed Shakespearean with particular identifica-tion with Falstaff, asked him whether there was miasma in Shakespeare And this involved recourse to the Oxford Comparion, and hence considerable While letters were the stren- delay Ultimately, the meaning Note: Items for 'Odd Signs' gth of the Congress, and con- of miasma was driven home to should be factual and not intime to be so, words never the Congress President by the vented and should as far as have been In fact, the Congress letter writer is the only party which has own political fate by way of will receive two consecutive freed itself from the clutches illustration. The Syndicate issues of the Weekly for every. of definition and semantics found miasma a sophisticated item published.-Ed., S.W.

Thus, a word like socialism has expression for future use and self-commiseration, Most Congiessmen found one word or, another The Congress President discovered words like discipline, conscience, communist, etc. S. N Mishra, caught hold of words like vindicate and indicate He felt terribly impress-ed by lumself, that he kept rhyming. Incidentally, this highlights the disastrous consequences of words in an under-developed society. A people not yet ready for words might tend to pun, to indulge in alliteration and rhyme and get potty in the process

Secret Societies

A number of secret societies have sprung up inside the Congress, with the avowed purpose of further strengthening the newfound unity. The Maratha Shock Troop (which is a crack battalion of uncommitted soldiers whose services can be had on behalf of the winner), the Ginger Socialist Free Enterprisers, the Confused Turks, the Young Pro-Russian Americans, and so on People also speak of a small sect of demoeratic action known as Weird Sisters, comprising three wo-men Sanjiva Reddy is known to have met them on the lawns of the Congress President's house on a day which the Weather Office described as fair and foul

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-Odd Sign:

Film advertisement in a Bangalore daily

Our Next Attraction Attention to all Teen-Agers

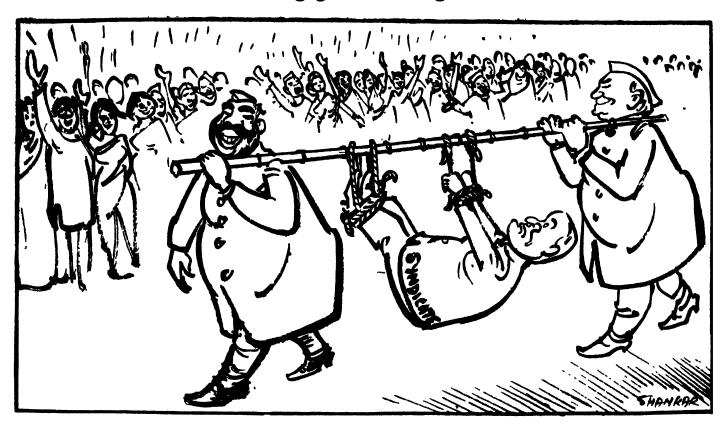
Here is the one for you Strictly for ADULTS

At a cafe in Warangal. ..in this hotel servants get daily wages.

O O

At a South Indian restaurant in Calcutta

Do not wash your hands in the glass.



Mr. Jagjivan Ram and Fakruddın Alı Ahmed said, "we shall start a new chapter from today"

Dictated Views

THE All India Radio's deci- the master copy. Local news- proved its characteristic resili- on information available at the various kinds "spoken at dic- tion speed, add the necessary spiritual resources It has in even papers of the Mysore retation speed" opens up thrill- local colour which might well fact risen, like the Phoenix gion: those who want to put

picious beginning for this great lies in the text for the benefit editorials on the happy reso-lution of the Crisis (with the off before copy is sent down capital C) in the Congress to the press (capital C again) party. And since the Government is determined not to nationalise the Press, and since "freedom of constructive, helpful, pragmatic press" is a commitment with and establishmentarian (used Mr. Inder Gujral, the AIR can with any pejorative implicado no less than provide alternative news presentation and editorial slants. This will demonstrate

sion to help small news- papers can, after taking it down ence, its inner vitality, its permaterial of from the broadcasts at dicta- petual youth and perennial ing possibilities. Ever ready to include settling scores, if neces- from its ashes, icnewed and themselves right with the PMhelp high-minded ventures of sary, with the local factional revitalised this kind, "Jason" is pitching in boss that it does not like. Help-with his little bit. ful material under the heading ful material under the heading papers outside the Mysorc re-It would indeed be an aus- "aside" has been added in itaventure if the AIR began with of editors. Care should be florid figure of speech

> Master Editorial for the tion) paper.

Raising from the Ashes

under the benign auspices of extremists of the left and knowledged without reserva- jalingappa was a true Congressour government we shall ensure the right, the Indian National tions even by those who had man unless a situation like this
that dissent is kept alive.
Congress, which has weather momentary doubts They have was contrived? Much to Mis. "Jason" therefore offers gratis ed many storms and survived themselves acknowledged that Gandhi's satisfaction Mr. Nuato Mr. Gujral three different many crises in its long and such doubts were "untenable, lingappa came out of it not editorials that could be used as glorious life, has once again based on wrong assumptions only unscathed but the bright-

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(What follows is optional for as who wouldn't these daysmay use this portion also.)

We have it on unimpea-chable authority that this fiery The Phoenix image is no ordeal for the Piesident was orid figure of speech For planned from the beginning the Congress President in par- by the PM. Not, of course, in ticular, this was a fiery ordeal a spirit of vindictiveness as or even an ordeal by fire. Lake some people may liastily con-Sita, whom everybody slander- clude but in the same spirit in ed for the spell of involuntary which Shri Ramachandra planstay in Lanka, he had had to ned the "agm panksha" for Sita put up with much calumny soon after Sita was recovered over his alleged overtures to the from the Asoka Vana. The Swatantia Party and the Jana Prime Minister did not have Sangh And like Sita, he has the least doubt about the comemerged from the "agm pari- plete and unassailable integrity ksha" with his integrity esta- of the President But how will conclusively that MUCH to the chagrin of the blished beyond doubt and ac- the world know that Shri Ni-

ficance that Mrs. Gandhi called taken. (Aside: Follow-up meaon Mr. Nijalingappa the day sures is an useful gag in every after the ordeal The image of concernable context) If this is the Congress, the Congress done, the events of the last few President and, above all, the days will seem in retrospect PM are the better burnished like a hideous nightmare from for the agoinsing test through which we have woken in the which all the three have been land of hope and courage.

(Papers of all regions wanting to be "constructive etc" can pick up from here in continua- left tion)

last forty eight days that ought our one not to have happened It is an ways win, so have no editorial exercise in futility to attempt worries. But the unreconciled to apportion blame (Ande It left, and the right, the left in is safer too not to do it Who particular, have to watch their knows what will happen to steps For one thing, the left morroup) What is important is would have said many words that the innate commonsense of these last few days that it may the Congress Party has asserted now have to cat Again, when itself and the extremists from the next revolutionary moment both sides who were attempt- comes, it should not be haming for devious reasons of their pered by what it said. Of own to pressurise the party into course, a few courageous souls an unreal choice between right say what they like, without and left have been left disapbeing incommoded by what pointed (Aside A snipe at the they said the previous day extremists is extremely useful in But aplomb of this magnitude mists on both sides) Once again effort the Congress has recaptured its dead-centrist tradition and the pragmatic approach and unencumbered by ideological towards the with destiny (Aside The sec-being, from a split A "polari-ond one, of course The first sation" of the party may have The country cannot live by greater ideological clarity and slogans and what we need is a firmer revolutionary purpose programmatic approach that Mrs Gandhi has released forces

er for it It is not without signi- steps should? be expeditiously

For use by the unreconciled

This is a far more tricky edi-Much has happened in the torial to write than the previ-The pragmatists alevery editorial context. But cannot be carried off by lesser take care to blame the extre-mortals. Anyway, here is an

Unity

agair achieved a charabaggage, the party can march cteristic "compromise" that has appointed tryst saved it, at least for the time was kept on 15 August 1947.) done it a world of good with

sation now and indeed YOU son, that they will not forget in the worst MUST imply that you were al- a hurry, when their candidate ways for it) But the follow-up for the Presidency was defeat-JANTA PARTY 3243

"I intend joining your party and staying in it till the rain is over."

that wish to hedge.)

may well be right in not wishing to force a showdown now. turnsts under the spell of the So long as her supremacy has communists but not the soberbeen acknowledged-and it has er elements in the country. It been, in the ignominious with- is often forgotten by the so-drawal of the insolent notice called hardliners that the Concalling for explanation by the gress President asking the PM Congress bosses-she can pursue the radical policies that she fied the party mandate to exnow stands committed to. We plain was itself a punishment. should now march ahead with In other words, it would be determination towards the appointed "tryst with destiny" gress President's letter as the (Aside. Tryst with destiny is a beginning of an inquiry at the nice expression to be used as often as possible.)

(The following can be used by those who ush to sound disappointed and let down by

Mrs. Candhi)

How phoney this so-called reconciliation is will be proved soon enough The revolutionary forces that rallied round Mrs Gandhi feel a sense of let down by her sudden volte face. We do not share the optimistic assessment of the bogus leftists the sternest partisan of disciwho consider the patchwork pline in the party. unity achieved in the CWC a victory for the progressive forces. The Syndicate may have been humbled, but Mrs Gandhi, for reasons of her own, has once again made herself a voluntary prisoner of the Syndicate's nefamous plans. A facade of unity behind which she has chosen to hide herself will make it that much more difficult for her to pursue the 1awill turn into good account the by her courageous act of na-dicalism that for a brief motremendous energies released tionalisation of the banks. The ment she seemed to have adoptly the revolutionary move to tycoons were on the run. Their ted Mrs. Gandhi's progressivism ted Mrs Gandhi's progressivism nationalise banks (Asulc It is underlings in the Congress has always sounded somewhat safe to praise banks nationali- Party were again taught a les- hollow to us, and now we know

> For the unreconciled right, Here again two approaches are possible those who would like to keep their lines of communication with the Syndicate open and those who don't

The happy Compromise

THE country will heave a sigh of relief at the compromise achieved at the Congress Working Committee meeting. There is little doubt that the conduct of those who had wanted to oppose the official candidate of the Congress for the Presidency is deplorable and against all canons of party behaviour. The trusted leaders

ed resoundingly by the free of the party were indeed aware exercise of the highly evolved of the grave implications of conscience of the partymen the acts of indiscipline in high (The following is for papers places. But they were also aware that if the issue of dis-Nevertheless, Mrs. Gandhi cipline was forced it would . suit the book of those advenand her two colleagues who dewrong to consider the Congress President's letter as the end of which punishment will be meted out. This would be true of lesser members. In the case of members of the stature of the PM, calling for an explanation itself is exemplary punishment After all, these things will have to be viewd relatively It is not every day that the PM is asked to explain her conduct. And when she is, it is as good as censuring her This ought to satisfy

> THE older Congress leaders to whom younger Congressmen had given their unstinted loyalty at a time when every time-server had got on the bandwagon of the Prime Minister feel sorely let down by the leadership Here is a situation in which when discipline ought to have been upheld at any cost, we find the old guard tamely acquiescing in a humiliating compromise out of a chicken-hearted fear of the party splitting and disappearing We feel that the party would not have disappeared if those who insolently defied the party mandate had been dealt with as they ought to been. On the other hand, the party would have been re-lieved of those disruptive elements and we should have had a more coherent and disciplined party Now that the old guard has let us down, it is time that the younger elements that have shown exemplary courage in standing up for basic princi-ples fought their own battles. To begin with, they should use the principle of voting according to one's conscience, now sanctified by the hypocrisy of the leadership, to the fullest extent possible.

TAKON

Who'll take the punishment?



A section of Congress MPs who demanded disciplinary action is dissatisfied with the unity resolution of the Working Committee.

Profile of 1970

it is confined to 1970 and not tory the decade of destiny, the Seventies Secondly, not having highlight my predicament when been able to wangle trips to the Editor asked me last week other countries, I shall limit my what was likely to happen projections into the future of only India, that, too, the political aspect.

the country a week ago when the Opposition Nijalingappaji said he could toppling her." not guarantee the continuance of Indira Gandhi as Prime Mi- and showed it in his face nister up to 1972, we could speculate on the likely successors and what they would do Committee, we would not be guided too much by the Con-

All this preamble is only to

"I don't expect any dramatic changes," I began "Éven if the High Command suspends the As in any historical assess- Prime Minister from the party ment, timing determines the she could carry on because she outcome. For instance, if we still enjoyed the support of a were casting the horoscope of majority of party M.Ps and

The Editor did not like it

"If you are sober and still hold such views you must get your head examined," he said But if the timing was after the sharply, Then taking from the adoption of the unity resolu-chest of drawers the columnition by the Congress Working st's fiftyninth version of the He resumed reading the Committee, we would not be "Congress at the crossroads," he column. "Y B Chavan is howbegan to read out. "As soon as ever trying for a rapproche- was careful now. I decided to

THERE is no plagiarism in- cal madequacy which might certain, the Working Com- tary system " volved in the title because not change the course of his- mittee will advise the Pailia- Now, the Editor paused for

ble to shoulder the burden, the brilliant writer, he has also be-

tion gap?" I interrupted

"Please keep your trap shut majority of party M.Ps and while I am engaged in scrious ence, I remarked "If I may the Opposition was divided on toppling her."

The Education was divided on toppling her."

The Education and the second reading, the Education was divided on toppling her."

The Education and the second reading advantage of the second reading reading advantage of the second reading generation gap? Is it one of before nor after her removal your witticisms which I am but insteadsupposed to enjoy? Morarii is "Again, one of your stupid, not at all old If he could be smutty jokes" the Editor thun-Deputy Prime Minister until dered "You cannot understand two months ago, he could be it, leave it But tell me from Prime Minister now

gress President's inability to Mrs. Gandhi and her two Cament, to save the party from a pontificate without saving anyguarantee Mrs. Gandhi's tenure, binet colleagues are suspended vertical split and ensure the thing of substance. The Prime
Ve would treat it as a physi- from the party, as it now seems continuance of our parliamen- Minister has two options,"

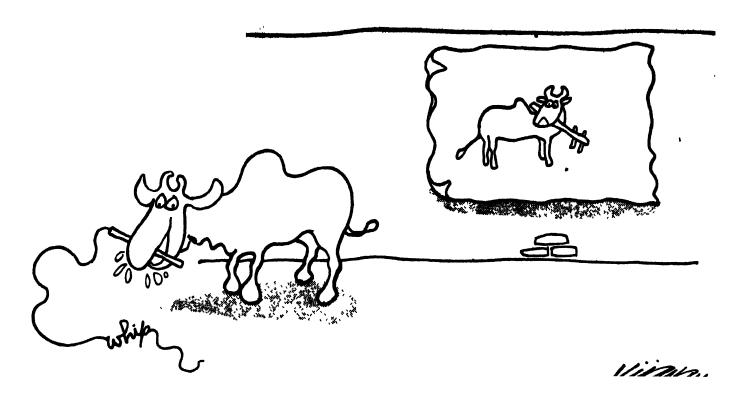
mentary Party to elect a new leader," the article said

It continued. "The opinion in the political circles here is that with Morari Desai availation or before? Though a party will have no difficulty in come screwy because of this filling the vacuum at the top—" blasted crisis" So saying he "But what about the genera- replaced the article in the drawer.

Taking advantage of the sil-

ow "the gossip you have gathered reading the what they think is happening."

Having been bitten once, I



Variation on a theme— the Congress Symbol

ty of the party and the stability of the country by owning her mistake and preparing to pay did he say it to you? You should have got the quotes in observations asked me what become desperate, defy the his own flowery language party, split it and in the piocess put herself at the mercy of the Communists-

"Who said all this?" the Editor interrupted.

Such is the fate of the reporter that if ever he gets into a mood to say something on his own, he has to find a source for it One can get over it by bringing in political observers. sources who ought to know, official circles, etc

aploinb, I replied "Some one who ought to know"

"Cut all that tupe. You are talking to your editor Who's it?" he demanded.

I was cornered. I should have truthfully told him that those were my own observations based on the gossip and views I had guthered. But then I know how much value he attaches to my observations or views So, to save the situation I said. "If you must know, it 18 Asoka Mehta'

Yes, I was talking to him in the Central Hall I didn't then think it would be a useful lingappa's letters "

"Don't worry, Go on and tell me what else he said I can use it in an editorial"

"But without attribution," I insisted

Of course. Why should I opinions which are supposed to be mine?"

I had to invent on my feet, or legs as former Speaker, Sanjiva Reddy, was fond of saving. I began. "He thinks whoever emerges victor in the bleak Because of the Prime Munster's rashness in relying dicate?" on Communist support, the so-called Syndicate has turned its face against all kinds of radical thoughts and began again.

then was the way out.

"Asoka Mehta did not spell that out But I have my own solution If the Syndicate wins, quote Secondly, he sounded they should put Asoka Mehta prosaic, perhaps having ex- in a responsible position so hausted all the poetry in Nija-lingappa's letters" Nija-that socialism does not suffer Secondly, they should implement Tarkeshwari Sinha's resolution urging nationalisation of many things, such as foreign banks, general insurance-

The Editor would no longer contain himself "What rot are you talking? Here I am opposgive credit to someone else for ing banks nationalisation and pointing out how it was an opportunistic political action, not at all based on sound economic considerations and how it was a crime to have embarked on it in the Gandhi Centenary Year, etc. And you crisis, the future of socialism is want more nationalisation. Then more socialism. It would be why should we have the Syn-

change And if she wins after "You think Rajaji and the Swa-The Editor's face brighten- breaking the party she will be tantra are such innocents to

began "She could save the uni- ed "He is a brainy chap and as a prisoner of international have placed their trust in the Syndicate if it was going to embark on nationalisation of this and that-'

> "Otherwise, Tarkeshwari Sinha will not join the new government," I started to reason out my thesis "If she doesn't join the Covernment, she will write articles against it and speak against it, as she did against Morarji Desai even. Then a new Syndicate will materialise And if Asoka Mehta is also out, he will not mince words in exposing the new Government's lip sympathy for socialism."

The Editor seemed to have been impressed by my logic. Even then his opposition to nationalisation did not weaken. At the same time, he was at a loss to find a way out.

Then came the Unity Resolution. So he agreed with me that it was better than the Syndicate winning and ushering in good to see talented persons like Asoka Mehta and Tarkeshwari Sinha in Government. But it is better to have them outside preaching socialism. So that is the profile of 1970.

The next AICC meeting

(SHANKAR'S WEEKLY has got a scoop. We have the mimutes of the Surat AICC meetdiscipline, upsetting MPs, whether he was a real socialist and move forward," he said
ing which has not been held causing fear and consternation or not. yet. This is considred to be a in Congress ranks and was beworld event not achieved even having "just like a communist" by Lala Mangatdas, world She was vociferously cheered by Lala Mangatdas, world She was vocaferously cheered scoopster and PR expert We by Mrs. Sucheta Kripalani, Mrs. propose to share our find with Sharda Mukherjee and Mrs. you which is more than what Yashoda Reddy. They all said the 'national press' can do.)

THE AICC meeting took place things in an atmosphere of general enthusiasm. Large crowds had gathered near the tastefully decorated pandal which carried portraits of all the Syndicate

on time and was greeted by she was a socialist. In her could not stand it, conchshells and incense from articles she charged Mrs. Indira Mysore joss ticks. He was Gandhi with not nationalising garlanded with cuttings from all banks, abolishing the privy newspapers carrying his purses of princes, giving more clection To reporters he monopoly newspapers into turned and said, "We are all trusts Mis. Gandhi was not socialists now." He then walk-doing all these things, Mis jals and potatoes At this, there were tears in the eyes of Picsident asked if there was Mr S. K. Patil, and Mr. Sanjiva anything more to be done be-Before emotion could get the turning another table, said Mr. by saying that they should all table. Then Mr. Desai offered better of hun, the Congress Atulya Ghosh wanted to say a meet together and thrash out her potatoes, tomatos and of President turned his face away few words. and asked for a large glass of to water which he drank in big thirsty gulps.

turned the table adjoining it

Tarkeshwari and said that before proceed-ing further she was reading out an article she was writing for a Bombay weekly to be published in a few days There was a loud outcry at this but the President said he saw no harm in hearing the substance of an article without having to pay for the weekly. This was cheered and Mrs. Sinha started reading her piece

won and Mr. Giri had won "un- was always a socialist. In really."

if they could write articles they would have said the same

After she had concluded, the Reddy sitting close by sobbed, fore he spoke. Mr. Patil over-This was agreed

Mr Ghosh said he was a socialist. That was why West forget the past, forget the Then, just as the President Bengal had become the breedwas about to sit on a chair, ing ground of socialism. Even Mr Patil hurnedly got up and the Prime Minister could not deny that But he had to point There were cries of alarm and out that Mr. Nanda had dismay but nobody was hurt. destroyed his socialist base in Sinha Bengal by summarily dismissing rushed forward to the mike the PCC and substituting it with an ad hoc committee He would fight anti-socialist measures to the last drop of his blood. Ending his speech with "Inquilab Zindabad," Mr. Ghosh rolled back to his seat.

Mr Sanjiva Reddy next sang a song in Telugu which said that he had put his moncy on God and lost his shirt He said he was still the official candidate and was in the field. He She started with an analysis would not give up very easily. of the recent election and The election of a new Speaker proved with statistics that in between was a deliberate Mr. Sanjiva Reddy had really attempt to lose him a job. He Andhra he had passed a num-

She then said the Prime ber of socialist measures. He fights, forget mutual recrimina-

Mr. Asoka Mehta who is a

At this point Mr. Patil upset another table but Mr Kamaraj, unmindful of this, started speakspeeches on the last Presidential wages to workers, and making ing. He said that devaluation was wrong and anti-socialist But he could not support the congratulate her. Prime Minister because her ed on to the rostrum where he was greeted by Mr. Morari under the influence of the belong. He is now quite sure society to which he did not belong. He is now quite sure scarf that these people were communists who had infiltrated into the Congress.

> differences and come to joint course brinjals conclusions. The Congress meeting was over. must remain united "Let us

"Aren't you forgetting me?", special invitee intervened to a plaintive voice cried out. say that the Primo Minister That was Mr. Moraru Desai who was no socialist because she was looking very unhappy and did not believe either in back- was in an cinotional state. Mr. seat driving or in nationalisa- Desai said he had been let tion. He had been a socialist down by everybody long before everybody else He committed no crime Yet, he. came to the Congress without was treated like a vegetable. A Middle-aged Turk, at this resigning from the PSP only to He would have nationalised moment got up and asked the further socialism. He had banks. Only, nobody told President to take action against talked of socialism to US politi- him he should. He would Mis. Suiha for attacking the cal leaders. Devaluation was have gone further Again, Prime Minuter unberginger the Prime Minister, whereupon the a socialist measure because all nobody told him he should. leaders under the caption. We want nationalisation."

Prime Minister, whereupon the a socialist measure because all nobody told him he should.

President explained that this money, from one paisa to a The 10-point economic prowas criticism not an attack 1000-rupec note was devalued, gramme was only meant for The President arrived dead Mrs Sinha continued to say Yet he was misunderstood. He elections Nobody told him it had to be implemented.

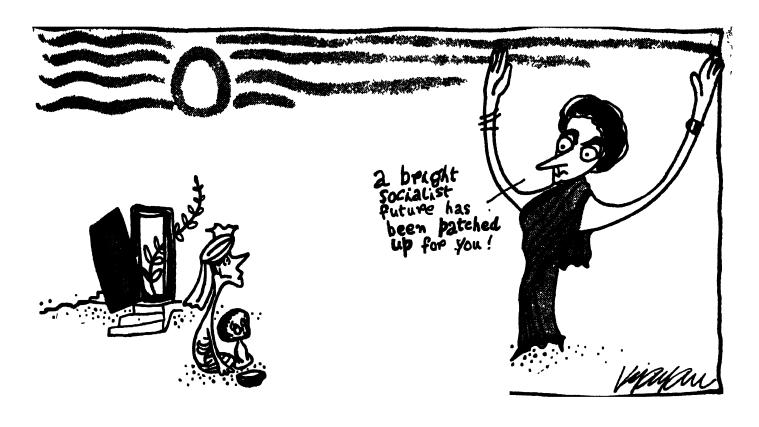
> Then the Prime Minister arrived and as she was cheered and cheered, the proceedings came to a stop, while all the speakers thronged round her to

Mrs Sinha gave her a red Kamaraj gave her a rose. The President gave her "chandan" paste Atulya Ghosh gave her Bengal pottery. Sanjiva Reddy gave her a smile. Mr. Y. B. Chavan followed And Mr. Paul presented her a The AICC Congress meeting was over.

Vidura







PARLIAMENT

After the battle

THE sight of so many empty Sabha the day after the truce in the CWC set minds wondering if there was a pattern behind it. It was not immediately clear if the Members had taken a holiday after the arduous infighting of past weeks or if the hardliners in the Syndicate camp were busy plotting. A search, however, in the lobbies and the Central Hall for possible Guy Foxes drew blank. The peaco seemed real, though none celeb-Lirated it the way celebrations used to be during the "confrontation" days over cups of coffee and lassi and ice cream. Even Mr. S. N. Mishra, speaking for the disheartened Syndicate supporters, spoke of Mrs. Gandhi continuing as "our leader" and "there is no question of any lack of confidence in her," though the statement he issued for his 60 odd colleagues spoke of "compromise on principles" and said "it legalises the demand for freedom of vote on crucial matters." But it was clear that no Congressman or woman was thinking of sitting out as an independent, certainly not this ession.

The "Young Turks," whose proached by the Communists m the Press like the take-over of Congress benches in the Lok ranks these days include many the last session to put off passnot-so-young-toughs as well, sat ing the Bill to abolish the West purring like the cat that has just Bengal Legislative Council. Mr swallowed the mouse. The Leftists, of the Opposition category, looked a bit shaken by the suddenness of events but they were not giving out their disappointment either. Rather, they seemed to be hoping still, Micawber-

> Only Mr. Kanwarlal Gupta and Mr. Balraj Madhok would not let the day pass without a protest. They couldn't naturalprotest against the Syndicate waving the white flag. But they demanded that the Frime Minister should apologise to the Jana Sangh for having alleged that the Congress President had entered into a deal with them and with the Swatantra to topple her, as the Congress Working Committee had now exonerated its President. The Congress benches humourlessly "protected" the party's unity with shouts. Mr. Masani was not available for comment.

During question hour Mr. Madhu Limaye wanted to know sured that the Government is authenticity. if the Law Minister had been ap- not contemplating a take-over of

Govinda Menon said No' and maintained that the Bill could not be passed by the Rajya Sabha for want of time, but Mr Limaye was not going to accept the Law Minister's explanation. Which provoked Mr. P. K. Vasudevan Nair to accuse the SSP leader of uttering an "unmixed lie." The expression was later rendered into more parliamentary language by the Commufor Mr. Nair to use such expressions particularly when he himself was a member of the panel the hazards of his announceof Chairmen. The incident was ment about the AIR starting to a promise that the House was returning to the good old times and a reminder that the animoin the brief interlude caused by the crisis in the Congress party.

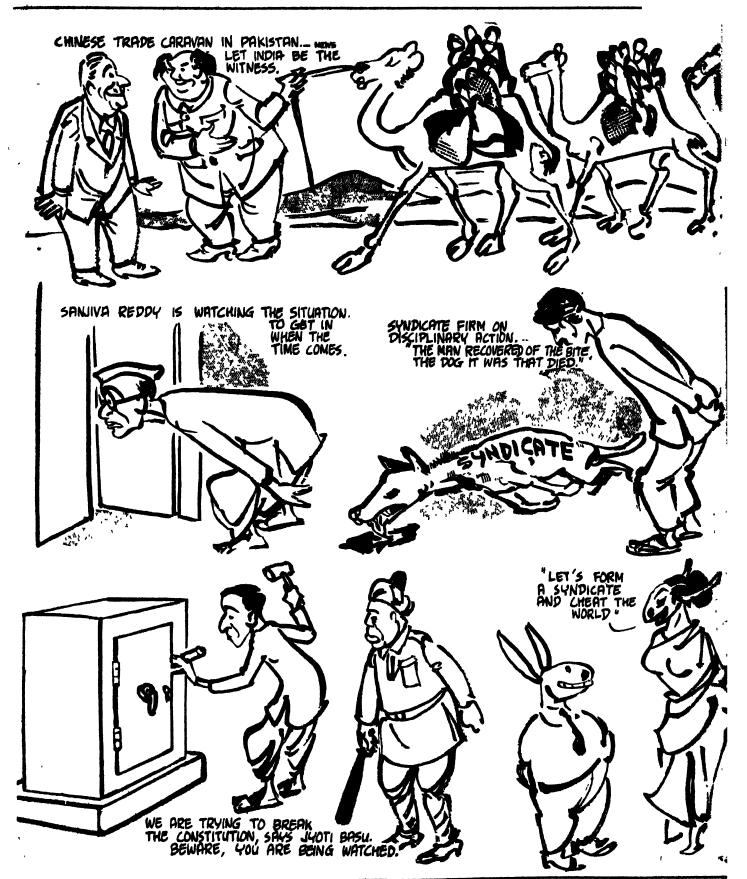
In the midst of all this, M1.

the banks It stands for the "freedom of press." At the same time, Mr Guiral's disclosure that 20 per cent of the circulation of all newspapers in the country is at present accounted for by journals of foreign missions lends a new angle to the question of "freedom of press." The US and USSR embassies are running "neck to neck" in the race for more and more embassy journals, which, the Minister said, "may or may not be healthy from their point of view, but nist Member when the Chair surely is not in our interest." He pointed out it was not proper said he was going to take it up with the E. A Ministry While we would not venture to guess broadcast news bulletins at "dictation speed" we were, however, greatly intrigued by his sities among the Opposition statement that the Government groups had not been forgotten is considering "very sympathetically" the suggestion for maintaining a register of working journalists, the authentic ones. May be, it will help increase the Inder Gujral piloting the Press perks for some which go with Council (Amendment) Bill as- the profession plus the stamp of

ABSENTEE GALLERYMAN







Victory's Hundred Fathers

AN election is always an occa-dulgent smile with which this himself didn't like much. He When he answered the teleme, and to make a fresh start adding I might yet differ from his prediction. with a clean slate. Essentially, him in future with my unerring the technique is very simple, instinct to err! In such a libethough the actual practice needs ral hour, it must be said to the a bit of dexterity. Accost him credit of my boss that nothing who you suspect has something sorded he said either, and conagainst you and confess, without ceded my right to think indeany reservation, how wrong you pendently and wrongly! had been, and how right he had been in assessing the situation and predicting the actual out-

The office front thus strengthened, I rang up my journalist friend who I came to know was sore with me for my not having On the morrow of the Presi- looked him up for some time. dential result, I walked to each If this friend's instinct to back of my colleagues - separately- the losing horse is not very and congratulated him on his widely known, it is only because having predicted the result in he himself is comparatively unan uncanny way I did a little known! Not having met him who teaches political science in so bit of introspection and observ- recently, I wasn't sure whether ed that obviously I had lived all his prognostication in this case these years without learning ran true to form, but I decided much To my boss I made the that the risk was worth taking know would evoke such strong true, and she once more revealmost moving of my confessions in assuming that it did! So the feelings from him. Consider- ed how beautifully she could and promised to go the whole first thing I said to him was that able tact was needed in this smile! hog with his predictions there— he is the only one to have pre- case. He would smell a rat if I after. I was gratified by the in-dicted correctly a result that he straightaway congratulated him.

sion to erase any bitterness was received, so much so I pro- was a little suspicious and askothers may be having towards vided for the rainy day also by ed me how I came to know of

> this question I replied that I may be an ignoramus, a pur- I said, "precisely." "You ought blind fellow. But I still had to have asked me," he added sufficient sense left to inquire solicitously! from a third person what my journalist - friend's prediction was! This bowled him completely, and he proceeded to expatiate on how, with his better In our last meeting, as misforinsight into the UP situation tune would have it, she backed than others', he could not have the losing horse while I called helped coming ou with a cor- correctly! So I put it to her rect prediction

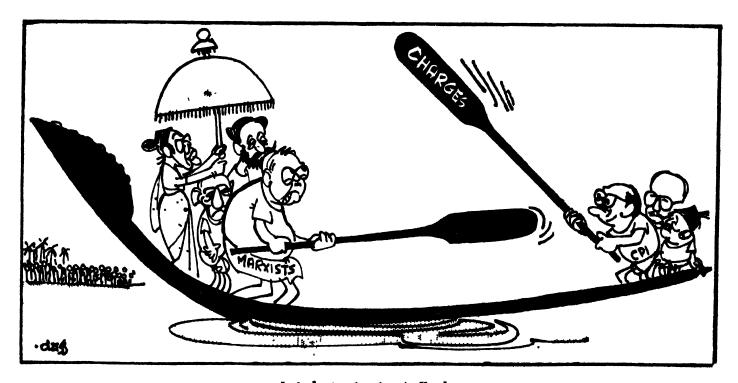
> the university. He was upset self to be persuaded that her some time back by my views on unrevealed prediction came

phone. I asked him if he could guess why I was feeling foolish that morning. This one got him, and he asked me with a guffaw Now, I was just praying for if I guessed wrongly about the outcome of the Presidential poll!

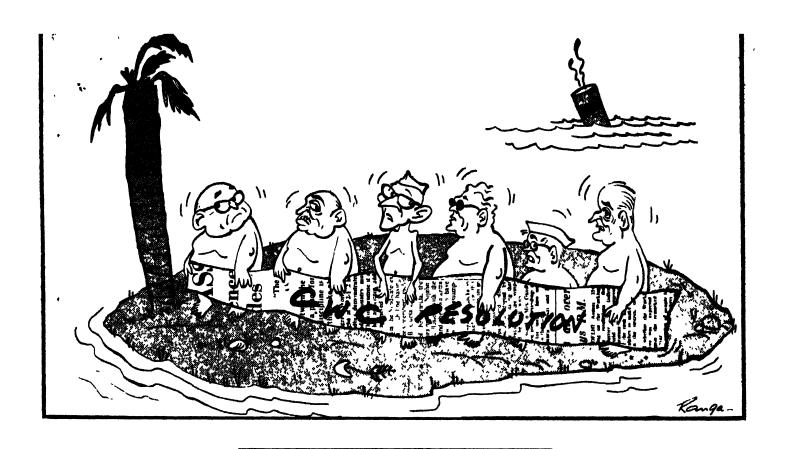
That left that beautiful young lady to whom I owe my little knowledge of the Constitution that only to differ from me. poor me, she did so! She need-And then there was my friend ed lot of persuation that it was Finally she did allow her-

SANTAY

Sink or swim



It is boat-racing time in Kerala.



Views on Liberation

Participants. tor: a certain Afro-Asian named veering round like the Ameri- Young Thing got to say? Shri Kosygin.

Music, drums, alarums as usual.

Liberation is a matter of opinion, after all, and it's of prime importance that one sticks to round' the right opinion. Is that not so, Amrit?

axiom of politics that the right opinion alone can feed one.

Boshu alias Basu. I object to /what this revisionist is saying. Our opinion is more right than the wresting of patent laws pective of their political opinthe revisionist's. Didn't Nam- from the bourgeoisie... boodiripad pledge our support to Soviet Intervention, I mean Liberation, in Prague, and at a gradual reversion to private Ganday, all are upholding the same time condemn Central enterprise, that's what you're peace and progress today. intervention in Kerala, Cossi- saying Lenin said, 1sn't that? pore and so on?

afraid the terms of this parti- Lenin to be slandered ...

IIS is a radio discussion. cular discussion are slightly cans, to a two CPIs theory.

Amrit. Ooool

douse him He's

Naxalina (giggling):

Amrit (regaining his voice): Kosygin: Well, well, I'm We cannot allow the great

Dange alias different, if my friend knows excited. There should be no from events of the last fort-S. Amrit, Jyoti Boshu alias what I mean We aren't discus- excitement in even a revolu- night? Has this country been Jyoti Basu, Miss Naxalina and sing who's better suited for a tion, not to speak of a discus- liberated? What has Amrit got a Smart Young Thing, Modera-certain job. In fact, we are sion. What has Miss Smart to say?

off my knitting pattern But I'd that is, with the dropping of Moderator: So friends, we Sound of someone falling say this. I'm with Indiraji in the indiscipline charge against have a subtle theme on hand. Voices in the studio. Water this revolution, and a revolution our fraternal (sisterly) and Lift him up. That's right. Now tion is nothing if it's not excoming citement.

That's well said. Kosygin. Kosygin (in a cooler-than- Who's not with Mrs. Ganday? ever voice) So, we are dis- The whole world, all the toil-Amrit. Yes, sir. It's a basic cussing, specifically, Liberation, ing masses, who were earlier As we all know, and as Karl with Comrade Kamaraj who Marx and V. I Lenin 1e- joined them, are now with Mrs. peatedly said, revolution can Ganday Kail Marx desired be accomplished only through that working people of all peaceful economic competition, countries should unite-irresions. Thus Comrade Shah of Iran, Comrade Nasser, Work-And ing Man Hans Ray Gupta, Mrs.

Amrit: Well said

Kosygin. Now, friends, back to the grand theme of Libera-

Kosygın Well, let's not get tion. What might we conclude

Amrit I shall not venture to Smart Young Thing: Oooh, say anything, except what is deah, you nearly startled me the Pravda, the truth. And progressive Prime Minister, the liberation of this country has been achieved.

> Kosygin Well said, Amrit. Now you might like to illus. trate the rather abstract fact of liberation with a few tangible gains. Well?

Amrit: Certainly Take the case of Indian Airlines. With Mohan Kumaramangalam, respected non-party forensic aviator as its Chairman, the people will have coproof of the Revolution. have credible

Smart Young Thing. Ooh. yes. I suppose so.

Boshu alias Basu: Objection!

Kosygin: Well, well, I'm

will freedom be, if participants start objecting and dissenting?

Boshu alias Basu I agrec with you partially. That is, dissent is wrong in principle. But is, dissent against modern revisionists

suppose he's Naxalma right, though he's a neo-revisionist hunself

Kosygin Boshu's objection

Boshu alias Basu. The appointment of Mohan Kumara-The apmangalam only serves as a sop. It leaves the people temporarily satisfied but dangerously deluded And no partial revolution stays a revolution Hence, all revolutionary forces must unite to force Mrs Gandhi to appoint someone like S K Acharya, the Rajah of Mymen-singh, Chairman of Indian Airlines

Naxalina. What pathetic revisionism is this! How can the fusc to support this theory Rajah improve matters! Only about the Airlines. the seizure of all aircraft, including the burning of a majority of them, can ensure revolutionary results. And untrained youth must be allow-

afraid this was supposed to be ed to pflot the remaining a free discussion. And where planes using the Thought of will freedom be, if participants Chairman Mao Tse-tung for sole guidance. And the appoint ment of Utpal Datt to head Air-India.

Moderator This is an extreme freedom of opinion also implies view, and any serius student of a.one-way right of dissent, that progressive Leninist aviation who has watched the TUs in flight, will reject it as a figment of infantile Left-wing imagination.

Amnt That's right It's crinunal not to be aware of the That's sweet of polarisation that is still going ba, between Air India and indian Anlines. Progressive Indian aviation begins with the appointment of Kumaraman-galam. Whatever went before the original owners of its lunch packets could have been various units. That'll create potential make an armed better. They're unsocialist. Why large the lunch packets could have been various units. That'll create potential make an armed better. They're unsocialist. Why large the lunch packets could have been various units. That'll create potential make an armed better. They're unsocialist. Why large the lunch packets could have been various units. That'll create potential make an armed better. They're unsocialist. Why large the lunch packets could have been various units. That'll create potential make an armed better. Naxalina. But now let's hear ba, between Air India and In-

Kosygin: What have you to say, madam?

Smart Young Thing: I'm with Indinaji.

Kosygin. Who isn't?

Boshu alias Basu. But I re-

Naxalua Alternatively, rather, dialectically I might go a step further and say that Indian Airlines ought to be de- we?

Heavy Water reshments aerated waters served

conflict? Kosygin Armed Where?

Naxalina At the passenger booking counter. We will attack the receptionists with bamboo spears, kill a holidaying radio officer or two, and decamp with lunch packets, foilpacked can de Cologne moppers, toffces and all that. I'm sorry, we will ...

Kosygin We will-what will

help the Revolution?

Kosygin Let's hear what Miss Navalina's got to say.

Naxalma I don't know. Well, let me take a dip into the Red Book. Ah, here it is. It says the Eastern air pocket will be filled while the Western air pocket will not be That makes it clear

Kosygin It doesn't

Amrit Ditto

Boshu alias Basu: It does, but only partially.

Smart Young Thing: Does it matter

Kosygin. Friends, time's runming out As Mayakovsky put it, Time's tape has unspooled itself It was a very enlighten-ing discussion, one, which, let me mention, I had no occasion to suppress Inspite of it, a,, free discussion. We're generally agreed that this country has been liberated. If there's a communist government here, we'll be forced to liberate it once again as we did Czechoslovakia. Or we might not be able to, like the present ruling chque's China. Either way, it'll retard World Revolution. The only person who can help us keep revolution as the apple of the eye is Mrs. Ganday. Long live Mrs. Ganday!

Flourish, alarums,

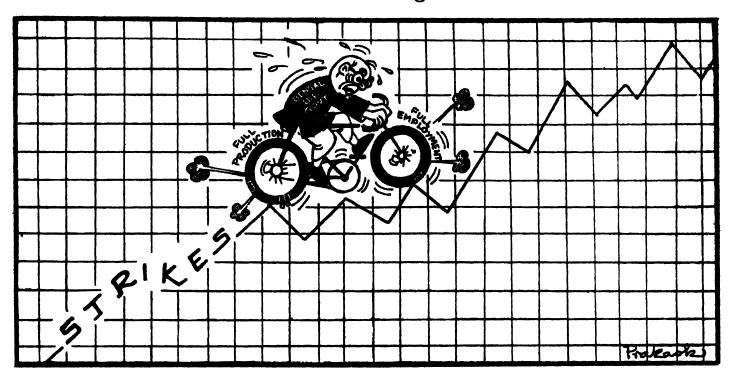
Exeunt, followed by Weather Report.

CAPTUR



Maulana Bhashani called a leaders' meeting to review the Pak political situation.

Hard Going



Textile workers in West Bengal intend to go on strike from Sept 1-Report

What to expect where

practice of the art of seduction

ling of an eye, the iddi-sam- the fifteen rounds for a KO. bar-bhelpuriwala jumps into a dazzling suit and starts humm-ing and hawing and the motive will infer, as he should, that our of this affectation is, in nine attempt so far has been to paint cases out of ten, pure showing a true picture of what is today off. The expense account, in termed the Executive Jungle. some cases, bolsters his courage Which is of course a fact, beto get into the act of talking cause the effective striking of business, but unlike the Delhi- deals in Bombay takes place only advanced towns

for example, suggests Seduction. ball, the Bombay counterpart Affection has no role to play For wander where you may in returns invariably with holes in the Capital you will witness a both pockets and heaps of exscene of seduction. It may be a cuses recorded subsequently in bay we now move to the Volunman talking to a woman in hush- complicated inter-office memos ed whispers or a businessman filed for indefinite future refertrapping a customer. Dim cell- cace The slouching, futile gait on the giant hoardings, lining of the above street there is a ars playing soft music, with a of most executives in Bombay is the main thoroughfares, are wide spectrum of excitement to sinfully rich diet thrown in, con-perhaps the result of their havstitute an ideal setting for the ing to move about in a city suffocating with traffic, air pollution and hypertension. This is Seduction over food and wine the reason for their merely getis not of course confined to the ting lost in Affectation and lack-Capital alone. It happens in mg the staying power to clinch urbs prima Ind too, but the the issue. Unlike their tougher mood that Bombay evokes is northern buthren they get strictly Affectation. In the twink- easily stoned and cannot go all

EVERY city in India evokes a wala who is a pastmaster in do- in the back alleys, over sreekunt special mood. New Delhi, mg the other guy m the eye- and Kumbakonam coffee, where mood that Calcutta evokes is

> From the Affectation of Bomtuousness of Madras. Yes, Mad- the corner Between the Birla 1as is voluptuous. Those figures Planetarium and the 'swing' pace clearly sensuous. Evon the male movie stars have extra-thick voluptuous lips and their fair partners appear overupholstered The silver screens are everywhere exploding with suggestive scenes, if one is to believe the man's earthly days ads appearing in the evening paper. And according to pollsters the highest incidence of ogl- different atmospheres, but basimg at the female form divine is cally they exude Seduction, Afmost in evidence in Madras factation, Voluptuousness and streets. This is because of the Futility or their variations, We basic innocence and conservat- admit all this is very bad copy ism of the average 'Madrasi' for Government Tourist Publiwho has yet to get used to the city, but it at least sets you adaring innovations in fashions thinking. that keep pouring in from more

The cynic would aver that the Futility This is not true if one happens to be a lover of Rabindra Sangeet, or if one is young, and Park Street is just round choose If one is a mouna muni much pleasure can be derived from brooding on the relics of the bygone days of the Nabobs and the John Company and mourning the swift passage of

The other towns of India offer

J. J.

The Heart has its problems

RY the time we reach the 'heart attack' real ones are easier to treat.

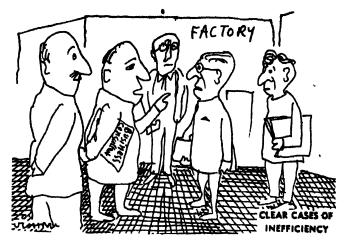
thought of anything significant salt, because salt was supposed to say to be quoted by my de- to send the mercury up scendants along with other wellknown last words The doctor, went through the ordeal patientafter a quick check-up, put me ly and would have gone on doto bed with instructions not to ing so but for the findings of move for three weeks. The elec- medical research reported some tro-cardiogram did not luckily months ago Experimenting on show anything positive but he rats and using the latest highsaid, "Nature's warning, you definition electron microscope, know. Take things easy, you or some such thing, a team of are no longer young. Nothing to scientists claimed to have provworry about but avoid strain ed conclusively that lack of body and excitement and knock off a movement, such as may result few pounds of weight There is from lying long in bed, slowed a little proneness to blood pre- down the heart and consequentasure, not uncommon at your ly lowered the pressure of blood age; good to be careful." With in the veins, which in turn that he also consigned me to a brought about increased pre-dis-

lighter in purse, what with doc-tor's bills and hospital charges, breakfast Accordingly, those in the eye and explain their ie-tion of petrol and diesel fumes I went about in life as if in a with "heart condition" were adslow-motion film sequence I vised to be physically active and avoided climbing stairs or took to sleep less one gingerly step after another at a time.

But the worst part of the promiddle fifties, many of us ceedings was the dismal prohave had a real or imaginary cession of boiled vegetables, dry As far as the toasts, double-skimmed milk and patient is concerned, both are the crippling regimen of "early equally serious. From the doc- to bed." The thoughts turned to tor's point of view, though, the memories of roasts, lashings of cream, plates full of cashew-nuts The first time I got a little and late-night shows and I won. palpitation and a sinking feel-deted whether life was worth ing, I was worried that I had living if it was to be sustained not yet written my will, nor on steamed cabbage without

That was some years ago I fat-free diet position to cardiae deficiency, When at the end of it, I was thrombosis and other equally allowed to get up and walk frightful things. It was established about the room a little, and la- shed that in the control sample ter to resume work gradually, I of rats, the mortality rate was was a very chastened person. 1371 per thousand in those who Glad to be alive and seven took it easy and overslept but pounds lighter in body and lots 12 95 in rats who scampered

As if this was not unsettling and thought nostalgically of the enough, another research team, bits and analysis by highly so- right level. The marvels of modays when one used to race up including some internationally phisticated computers. But what dem science are really breathto the third floor flat, two steps known names, experimenting on the affected persons will feel taking, rabbits in a million-dollar pro- chagrined about is the wasted



"For every clear case, there are 99 doubtful ones."

'conclusively" that it is not fat ing, flat and spice-less years which causes the hardening of stretched out on easy chairs. veins and arteries but sugar! Those suspected of madequate scientists, rats and gumea pigs functioning of the heart muscles will reveal is a matter for conare now warned against sweets jecture but just now it is nice to in any form but encouraged to let oneself go, to regain all the take as much as they like of weight lost and feel on top of steaks, sausages, nuts, butter and the world, with the old heart cheese It appears that saturated fats contain traces of chlorodimethyl - ammo - para-tetra-hydrocycline-X, or something, news has come in of a paper which is essential for body read before the Swedish Medigrowth Rabbits deprived of this cal Association in which it has vital chemical were seen to become depressed, ill-tempered the heart most is fresh air. Apand to use foul language.

scientists of the years past and searches and learned mono-gives a microscopically thin pro-graphs. Some will perhaps say tective layer to the veins and that this is the stuff of progress new scientists, modern ra-

ject has, a fortnight ago, proved years in between-the unappetis-

What the next generation of chugging away merrily like a rebored engine.

As I was typing out this piece, been proved that what damages parently too much oxygen burns One would like to meet the up the tissues faster, putting an extra load on the heart, wherearteries which slows down human metabolism to just the

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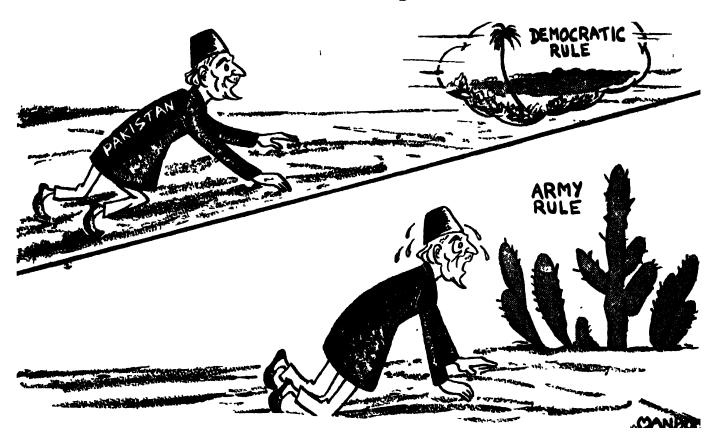




THEN SHE RUSHES OUT TO BUY ALL THE GOODS WITH FREE GIFT OFFERS, MAS ADVERTISED IN THE MORNING NEWSPAPER.



The mirage



The receding prospect of general election in Pakistan has unset political leaders

The Burglar

BURGLARS, I am told, are of expectation of the shotgun blast calmly called in the neighbours house and enters through a skylight if it is a single-storey building, or through any outside window if it is multi-storeyed, and the normal kind who enters at ground level No one seems to have thought up a special name for the latter type Mouse-burglar might fit, because the favourite mode of entrance into a house for this type is to make a hole in one of the walls and crawl through

All burlars must have nerves of steel. Operating in the dark as they have to, they must always be on the lookout that the surprise they expect to spring on their victims is not sprung on themselves instead. The cat-

two kinds The cat-burglar, from some observant house hol- who handed the lot over to the who scales up the walls of your der or chance onlooker, he police. I believe the was suitabmust also have a 'head' for ly rewarded by the government height. The fear that the occu- for her bravery The woman pant of the house may be must have had nerves to equal, waiting inside to receive him if not surpass, those of the burgwith a fat stick or a loaded lars. pistol must of course, be ever present with both varieties In for myself in my one and only fact, I remember reading in a newspaper once of a gang of trade I have said earlier that burglars who attempted to en- there are two kinds of burglars. ter a house by the hole-in-the- My lack of nerve in my encoun wall technique being over-pow- ter may perhaps be excused becred by a woman single-hand- cause my burglar belonged to ed Hearing the sounds of the neither category hole-making (she must have had very sharp ears because I am that evening, enjoying the peace told that the technique has been and quiet that had descended perfected to being almost sound on the town after the elections less), she stood armed with a 1 had read late into the night and stout stick over the hole as it when my eyes began to smart burglar to my mind seems to appeared inside her room and with fatigue, I put the book aside. be the one who needs the strong-stunned the first head that pok-switched off the bedside light distinctly see the silhouetted or nerves because in addition to ed through, dragged the owner and composed myself to sleep, form of some person standing er nerves because in addition to ed through, dragged the owner and composed myself to sleep, form of some person standing the constant state of tension he of the head in and repeated the but the scenes of the story I had near the far wall on my right.

That is more than I can say encounter with a member of the

I was relaxing in my bedroom

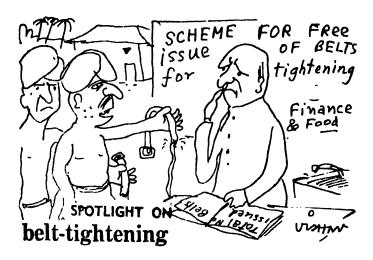
into that delicious state that lies between sleep and wakefulness. The house was in complete darkness It was now October and it was possible to sleep comfortably indoors under the ceiling fan with the windows open. I do not know how long I had been dozing when a faint sound as of someone moving about in my drawing room made me open my eyes. I got up and tip-toed silently m my bare feet to the door connecting my bedroom with the drawing room As I drew the curtains cautiously aside, I saw a dancing glow of light in the room I could only see into one half of it, the door being on one side of the room. The intruder was in the other half. I very slowly craned my neck forward till I could see around the edge of the doorway. Now I could must be in when scaling up a process until all the gang had been reading kept running He had a small electric torch drain pipe or angle of wall in been accounted for. She then through my mind and I drifted in one hand, the dim, pencil-



"I'm rejecting as many applications as I can, to help you along"



"According to the law of chance, if you travel often enough, you'll meet with your lost luggage."



"We have been supplied with poor-quality belts which snap on tightening"

thin beam from which he was directing over my glass-fronted curio cupboard which was built into the wall on that side. From the glow of his torch light reflecting from the wall in front of him, I could see that he was a slim and very small-statured man. He wore a close-fitting dress of a dark-coloured material and a turban of the same material covered his head.

In addition to the dancing glow from the man's torch as it reflected back from the walls, the 100m was faintly illuminated by the light of a distant street lamp which came in through the two large windows which opened on to the narrow strip of ground which separated my house from the next one. As I have said before, I had left the windows open and the curtains were drawn aside for fresh air I took the wire gauze and heavy iron bars with which all the windows were fitted, as sufficient guarantee of security.

on my curio cupboard He stood slightly bent forward, with one small of his back and the other directing his torch slowly along the shelves He held no weapons of any kind, I noticed with remade me decide to grapple with him, so I tip-toed forward as fast as I dared without making any sound that may alarm him too early The last step I took at a bound and grabbed the hand he held behind him and giving it a sharp twist, reached for his other hand. The man uttered a scream of fright and struggled to free himself but 1 had both his hands firmly in my grip now and with all his struggling I found it was not difficult to hold him He had such thin wrists and arms that even while he was struggling, I felt pity for him. Poor emaciated wretch, 1 thought Dying of starvation no doubt That was probably why he could think of nothing better to steal than my curios which had little value other than as mementoes of my visits to different places. He had dropped his torch in the struggle and it had switched off as it fell, so that I had only the dim light from the two side windows to see him by. After wriggling about for a while and finding that he could not break my grip, he gave up the struggle and stood breathing

hard with his head bent down

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away from me. I now gave the arm I held behind his back a twist and asked him in Hindi:

"Now tell me, what were you trying to steal?"

He gave a feeble moan as his arm hurt, but said nothing.

"Tcll me," I repeated roughly, "before I hand you over to the police"

"Please forgive me and let me go," he said at last in a highpitched quavering voice. He was a mere boy after all.

The intruder was now intent cd, wondering for the first time a my curio cupboard He stood how he had managed it.

slightly bent forward, with one hand resting behind him on the small of his back and the other directing his torch slowly along the shelves. He held no weapons of any kind, I noticed with relief. This and his small stature made me decide to grapple with

"Before I closed the doors?" I exclaimed "Where did you keep hiding all this time then?"

'I kept hiding behind cur-





China reports an excellent harvest in the region of the border clashes with Soviet Russia

tams and chans whenever you over to the police moved about," he replied.

wide awake and within a few was holding a girl. feet of him all the time. It was high time I had a good look at I had a brief glimpse of a fair, mind must have all along picturthis specimen. I twisted his arm, oval face before she bent down ed me doing hundreds of times, the sound of a bolt drawn, then 'swung him close to me, encircl- again quickly and shook her hair in the past- and at midnight too! ing his narrow waist twisted his other arm around and tely from my view. holding both his wrists with away from me so that I should mg no longer mot see his face and cried out 'Please put the light off!"
"Why?" I asked "A

"Are you afraid to be seen?"

now, to help me to hand you keep an account of all that I on the faces of neighbours, both

I was amazed. Here he was struggle violently and suddenly tains she would send either her might bound me off the premitrembling with fear because he his turban came loose and fell little son or her servant boy with ses as a menace After all, they was caught, yet he had had the off and with it spilled out a the excuse of borrowing some- had their grown-up daughters audacity to sit about in such mass of dark tresses, so long thing or icturning something crude hiding places as behind that they reached almost to the previously borrowed to spy out chairs and curtains when I was ground I gasped as I icalised I what I was up to Now here was through my mind as I stood

Then I in front hiding her face comple-

one hand I reached for the wall put the light off," she said softswitch As soon as the light by There was a note of triumph light, all in one action came on, he swung his head in her voice and she was trembl-

what she had meant when she said the neighbours might see struck home The windows of The neighbours. Salub, the the house next door looked ing. I wondered, or was she triumphant lady next door, that neighbours. What will they straight into this room and the mercifully fast asleep? If she I hourly expected to march up say?" he said, trying to hide his face under his arm.

Individual to the floor and the instance was one of had seen all and spread the to my front door hurling their the noisest women I had ever had news, who would believe my accusations and demanding my the misfortune to know. She had story of a burglar? A girl burg- exit from their midst, did not go to jail," I replied "In fact, made it her business ever since lar! In a bachelor's flat! I could materialise, that I finally relax-I am going to call some of them I had taken over this house to picture the look of amusement ed again

Every time I closed my men and women As I said this he began to windows or even drew the cur- not even be amused I actually giving her a grand-She looked up at me then and stand view of what her dirty I broke into a cold sweat at the ed as the outer door swung thought, released the grip on open It framed the silhouette of Now you know why I said to the girl's wrist and threw my- a long-haned gul for a moment self at the wall to switch off the and then it was empty The But now I was. The import of fire made me feel weak all over and I clung to the switch for

to consider

These thoughts were racing clinging to the switch, when a silvery laugh sounded from the other end of the room I heard a pale ractangle of light appear-

After what seemed an age, 1 thought of my nosey neighbour mustered the strength to grope spreading the news like a grass my way to the door, bolt it shut again and stagger into bed.

It was not until the evening support in the now welcome of the next day when the battadarkness Had she been watch- lion of neighbours, led by the

L J. G.

FILMS—



'Dracula'

"Dracula Has Risen from the Grave"

but is still flitting around after ing to patently absurd situations vampue decamps to the valley Monsignor's niece at night

seem to have been substituted or someone else's, hand for good, old fashioned hor-"YOU just cannot keep a good for Horior can be a deherous man down" proclaim the sensation and an audience can posters gleefully Count Diacula derive aniusement and enjoyis officially dead and buried, ment from watching itself reactmidnight feasting on human Diacula Has Risen" is revoltblood. The village below his ing, rather than horror-inducing eastle is under his spell, priest and this is because the classic and all and when the Monsig-formula of the genre has been nor of the parish plants a cross employed for purely visual efm his castle, the revengeful lects. Some of the effects are quite successful, as the demonia-He rests in a black coffin dui- cally driven black hearse which ing the day looked after by his careers through the Bavarian lackey the village priest and lorests But otherwise, the film plans to seduce and feast on the is too stagey to be hair-raising enough for a "feelie"-i e when

Technicolor blood and flesh you have to hang on to your,

provoking explorations of incestuous involvements of small groups of people and were made m tightly-meshed structures intersecting at many levels.

This critic just found it impossible to believe that the same man was responsible for "Boom" It is one of the most borng films that one has come across for a very long time. Based on Tennessee Williams' play, "The Milk Train doesn't stop here any more"—not an out-standing play, incidentally—it is a platform for Mr and Mrs Burton to exercise their histriome talents in, nothing more

Cissy Goforth, the rich widow dying by inches through the film, lives in this incredible villa in Sardinia-Blackamoor, dwarf, sensitive secretary, dogs in tow She spends her time screaming Christopher Flanders, a poet, is washed up the sea ("boom, boom") and the Burtons begin the complicated process of taking on one another

The poet is known to his intimate friends as the "Angel of



Elizabeth Taylor

"Boom"

Joseph Losey, the director, has an outstanding reputation for creating subtle and totally nvetting dreams of personal relationships in a situation "The unforgettable for their thought- together.

Death." Wherever he visits, the summer villas of people-gatherers, he leaves behind a death.

Reel after beautiful reel of the of the foamy sea, the sun-blinded villa, Mrs. Burton spewing something or the other. It is impossible to gather the underly-Servant" and "Accident" were ing link which binds the drama



"The poster has nothing to do with the film which deals with the monotonous life of a night watchman'

Fillum Fare

POOR, misunderstood Hindi cates man's quest for complete having done a quick change India calendar on the wall, ha, attended as usual by ha? Or the time when Kuldeep Kumar the hero, was shot on his right leg and all the plaster was stuck on the left?

has been made over the last dresses too tight and her chest represents the eternal and the five years. Though per film, the time of study has not exceeded, on an average, ten less. She is everyone's idea of minutes, (the excitement and a perfect girl as she is conimpact being too intense for prolonged contact), several with whiskey. And in case De philosophical truths have Boss decides to finish The Hero emerged. You can take your off, she is always there to fling passion is not less as the res-Jean Luc Goddards and Fran-her charming navel in front, pective playback singers are cois Truffauts if you'll let me while tooting in the background equally fervent She generally have B R. Pantulu and G P. are Sippy. And keep this in mind when the Oscars are handed out.

THE PLOT

This is faithfully adhered to. Not perhaps within the film, but spread out over all films It is made easier by the sheer genius of having the same plot each time. Isn't all literature the human story? Isn't all art the projection of the obvious? The key figure bere is

DE BOSS

More than what he is clearly and annihilated with deft pats man over cable cars/trolleys/ tree? Don't knock him down accompany births, deaths, sudravines/speed-boats, only indi- That may only be himself den but not unforseen illnesses

films. Everyone is so know-victory over the inherited and waiting to knock girl down ing about them. Do you re-human condition. Which he a second time. But if anyone member the mythological when can never achieve, for lo, there wears a coloured handkerchief Menaka danced with the Air he is again in the next picture, round his neck, bash him up.

DE GANGSTER'S MOLL.

This is a true friend in distress Her tailors and parents A close study of such films are never kind. They make her than anyone else, rather breath-

DE COPS.

All Here, but they are much Fridays more efficient. No frippenes subtly conveyed to the masses I like that. But even better

THE HERO, or THERO

recognizable as (black shirt, everyone THERO is not the bands to drink, which is when red tie), he is in fact, the bus-burning, Udipi-baiting sort they secretly lech for De when the lights go up, it finally Father Earth A clever philoso- No psychological hang-ups Gangster's Moll Until the climaxes in a loud moan from phical concept, as opposed to Simple Emotions. See a girl Moment of Truth, as shown by the audience Participation is that of the Mother Earth. That riding a cycle? Knock her he is tracked down by the Hero down and fall in love See a SCENARIO, MUSIC, ETC

His wardrobe has come from you-know-where, so he has been sent by De Boss against THE HEROINE.

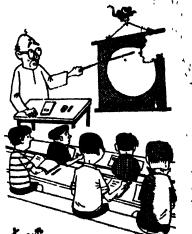
She, together with THERO too ample, leaving her more immutable in all our lives. The more things change the more they remain the same, a bulwark of pure faith in times of stantly filling available glasses distress. When she is thin, she with whiskey. And in case De is adored. When, three pic-Boss decides to finish The Hero tures later, she is not-so-thin, the Shalimar Gardens, though a badminton court would be One expects them to arrive more advisable, with a cross-singing, 'Hail, Hail, The Gang's country jog on Mondays and

No matter what her father's Try to nab the crooks straight income, her unerring eye for a away (give them though ten bargain (usually THERO), is reels to hang themselves) useful in knocking up a cosy Egalitarian. Hardly anyone house with staircases curving over the rank of Inspector. away from windswept drawing The message of Socialism is rooms. The sari shop round the corner gives her unending credit Everyone can be a member of the Diner's Club HE HERO, or THERO

Her patience and devotion

He is a splendid example to after marriage drives most hus-

Thunder and Lightning which you, nothing will.



"It was the full moon all right but since then the astronauts have brought away some soil."

show the forces of darkness struggling against that of light. In fact, Manichaen Philosophy runs through the core of the Hindi Film and any critic must needs study that fully before bothering about Menaka and Calendars (M non-vegetarian, calendars vegetarian, resolved ın Valmıkı etc)

The frequent moan of violins during the frequent moments of crises throughout the film, is a daring innovation. That of Total Cinema For complete The Film is a success.

And if this won't convince

S SHANKAR MENON









The Phoney Phase

JAMNADAS DWARKADAS Political Memoirs, United Asia Annie Besant. Public life pre- tion to make to the history of 1969 (pp 1x+310, price Rs. 30). Publications Bombay

mg and resolution-passing, better!

THE first years of the Indian English language If a British-

This phoney phase of our form of a Russian lady? She itum but for the British com-original inspiration is not freedom struggle invited ridi- was born in a foreign body ing out in their true colours at cule after a time. Tilak's mess- with a view to make it possible Jallianwallah Bagh. age was that it was rather from through her efforts to convey. The present volume is an the strength of our glorious the message of the ancient illustration of the maze that past that Suaraj would flow religion to the far-off West"

shaky by now, could hardly Theosophy caught our clite's author was in the thick of pub-blasphemous to comments understand even our own animagination, no doubt because he have during the period and

disputation

Jamnadas Dwarkadas was

the Indian scene was until cient glory except through the she was a foreigner as was his memoirs have a contribu-

sently was full of ecclesiastical the ipenod through several anecdotes.

What comes out more clearly National Congress were a er could vouch for the richness among the many drawn to this is the author's duel involve-period of oratory, pamphleteer- of our heritage, so much the phenomenon of our glory of ment in Theosophy, which was Right Honourable Gentlemen giving expert touch to the drafts of Honourable Gentlemen The nearer the language of the draft was to the 'Mother' country's, the more irresistible their logic would be on the alien rulers, it was thought So for Blavatsky was the same as alien rulers, it was thought So for Blavatsky was the same as alien rulers, it was thought So for Blavatsky was the same as alien rulers, it was thought So for Blavatsky was the same as alien rulers, it was thought So for Blavatsky was the same as alien rulers, it was thought So for Blavatsky was the same as alien rulers, it was thought So for Blavatsky was the same as the sesting transmitted via the impact of a personal tragedy a little begins of what were apparently our ancient methods had also returned home in the meantime carlier incarnation! The task and threw his Gandhi cap in the ring, proclaiming that means themselves were ends! I have no doubt that that will inspire you with such thoughts as would enable that pen to garnation of Shivap be in the This phoney phase of our form of a Russian lady? She itum but for the British com-Banaras being transmitted via possibly due to the impact of enturely lacking behind the present book, and would no doubt be there behind the next also which would cover the post-1919 period. In the event, and not because it will be (p 172)

O'Dyer brought about a situ-post-1919 period. In the event, handed to us. But the gentry, Whatever Madame Blavat- ation that could be compre- it reads in part like a revealed with their moorings in our past sky's success in the occident, hended by the humblest. The scripture, on which it would be

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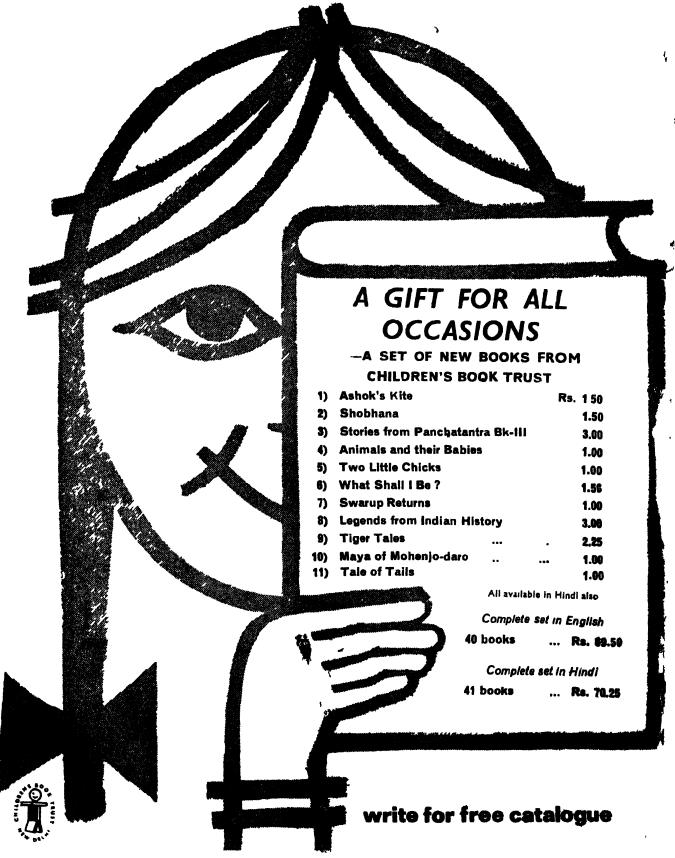
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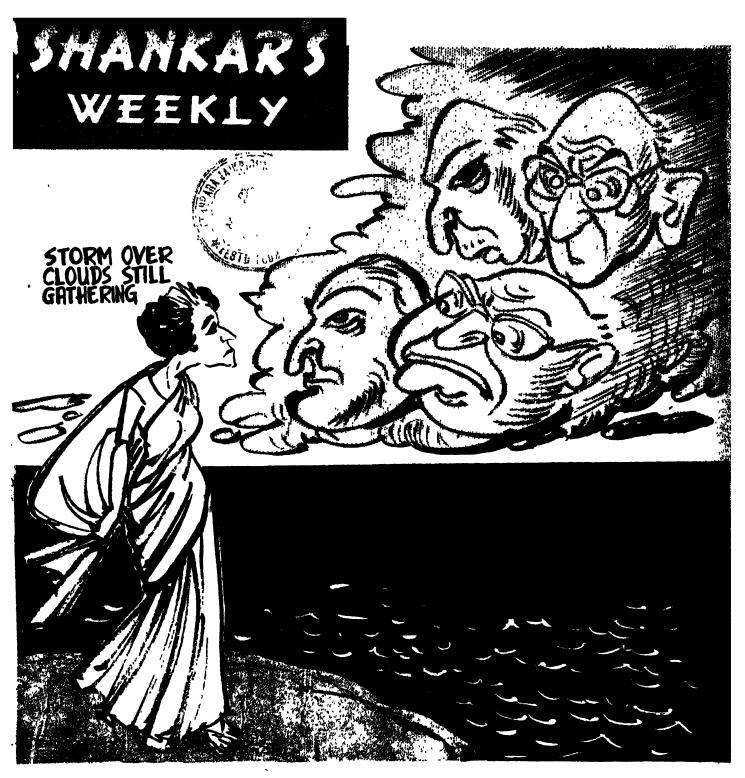
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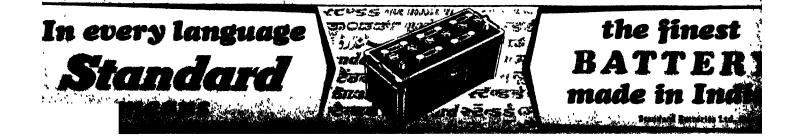
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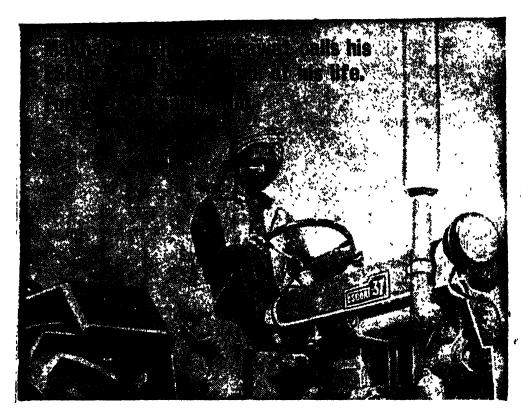
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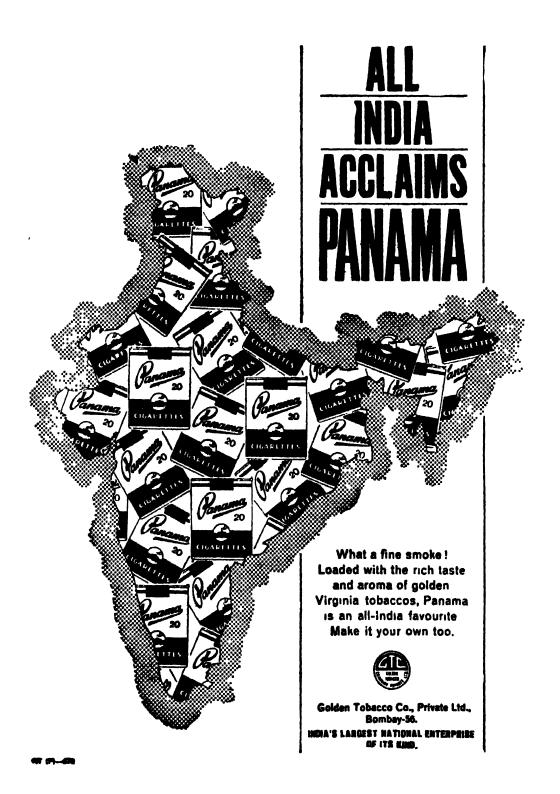
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FREE THINKING

THE Indian Press suffers from a variety of complexes and inhibitions. The English newspapers who have fixed their models in Europe and the United States and have their well-heeled editors and foreign correspondents and initiation Walter Lippmans have given what is known as the language Press a deep sense of inferiority. The result is that these papers take for their model the English newspapers in India. In doing this, the language Press has lost all originality and even the touch with the common people which they should have much more than papers written in an alien language. There is the strange sight of Indian language newspapers taking a more reactionary stand, than their English counterparts.

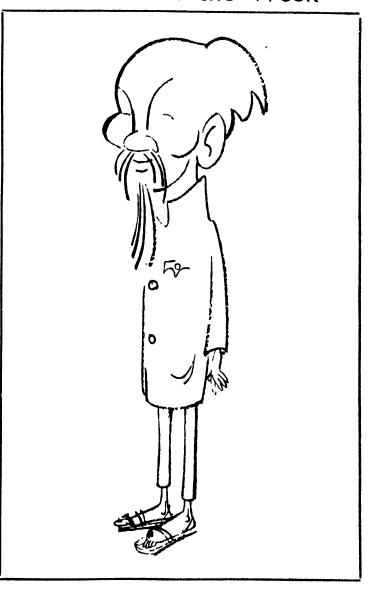
This is where the whole matter of editorial independence starts. Those newspapers owned by industrial and business houses pick their editors much as they pick their contact men, and public relation officers. They know who are the safe journalists and ask them to go ahead. There is not an editor in India today who claims he cannot run his paper independently of the proprietor. It so happens that the editor's conservatism is coincidental with the conservatism of the Press barons.

The question today is not freedom for the editor as the Information Minister, Mr. I K Gujral maintains but the democratisation of the Piess In the West some newspapers and journals have converted themselves into representative institutions by getting journalists and press workers to elect men to the board of management who will then choose the editor. This scheme avoids the danger of government control and control by groups, syndicates and business interests,

There is no clear idea in India because both journalists and non-journalist organisations in the country have stuck exclusively to higher wages. The social responsibilities of newspapers have not been discussed. There are political parties in this country like the two Communist Parties that are not interested in this kind of democratisation because it will preempt control of the Press by a party caucus. The other Leftists have just not bothered to exercise their minds over it

In the next few weeks there will be a lot of pressure on the Government to do something to free the Press from the shackles imposed by industrialists. This is legitimate and the Government must do something about it. But there must be some clarity about what is to be the substitute. Newspapers are not banks or jute factories. They educate and edify and inform and are a special category by themselves. The goal of the Press is freedom and responsibility to the people. It must therefore attract the best minds, not the pushers and the careerists.

The Man of the Week



PLEASE TURN OVER FOR PEN PORTRAIT

Red India

(As the Swatantra Party sees it)

HO CIII MINII symbolises a turning point in history He is the emergent third world and it is in his name and for his cause that European and American youth commit themselves politically He is the revolutionary pure and simple kindly, thoughtful, armicular but possessing a determination and a fixity of purpose that will not be furned for any icason Born of poor peasant parents, Ho Chi Minh san away to Finope working as cabin boy in the ship that took hun there He was at times pedlar, waiter, manual worker in Paris and Lowlon But basically he remained the anonymous Asian peasant who has been carrying the burden of nature and foreign aggression for hundreds of years That is why Ho reconised Gandhip's identification with the masses instantly When he came to India m 1956 and visited Raighat, he burst into tears. The tears were for all the tens of thou sands of men and nomen who have been victimised duped and oppressed through out Instoru

To the world of today Ho Chi Minh, has come to mean something else. He is the Asian David who brought down the American Gobath in the paddy fields of Vict Nam He thus made the Viet Cong the heroic instrument of anti imperation United States-and for that matter any State grown strong and arrogant-could be defied and beaten Inecitably the mind goes to the Spanish Civil War when the republicans became for a brief period the fighting representatives of anti-Nazis But then they lost The miraculous thing about the Vict Cong is that they uon And in unning they proved that aggression could be repuliated, exploitation resisted and conquest resisted by a veople of character In pro claiming that they made President Ho mmortal

AFTER the election of Mr V editors who are champions of papers are wholly angled and ficedom of the Press. He was freedom of the Press. He was the Press will be should not arrested because Moscow taken over Mr Gujial will ap-

over the country's currency but if such a thing could be also a readymade army in the form of bank clerks and even on the form of air hostesses. This their former activity. is the two-mone tactic ex-

V Giri as President who the freedom of the Press were shows how subtly the internatiowas the candidate of the Com- allowed to write strongly against nal communist conspiracy works minists, freedom perished in communism. This was a trick. The United States is pulling out India All political decisions per- The indea was to destroy the of Viet Nam because the State taining to this country were poisonous weeds, just as Mao Department is riddled with taken in Moscow through the had said earlier. In the mean-Reds, So is the Pentagon, So is Indian Anlmes and more par time they were allowed to the American Press corps which ticularly its chairman, Mi. mount attacks against the com has been writing false stories ticularly its chairman. Mr. mount attacks against the com has been writing false stories. Moham Kumaramangalam, a muinst government headed by about the late rulers of South former card-earlying member of Com Indira Gandhi It is to the the Indian Communist Party credit of Indian democracy that said that atrocities have been who secretly became the Consone people fought back Swa committed on the Viet Cong Madras in order to subveit and prophetically saw the victory of cases of Coca-cola and warm wreck the Constitution from Brezhnev in the defeat of Mr within He is being helped by Sanjiva Reddy and the humbl- We warn our party and peo-Mr S S Dhawan, a former ing of the Syndicate He pro- ple that bitter fighting is ahead indge of the Allahabad High phesied that the country was Court who knows more Mary really being ruled by the com- Russian tanks will be seen in than a normal judge should munists Rajan also saw clearly Connaught Cucus. But we are Then activities came to light the danger to Indian progress not afraid We shall resist comthrough the indefatigable actioned development in the victory munism to the bitter end. We vities of Mr. Frank Moracs, a of his old ministerial colleague, veteran journalist dedicated to Mr. V. Giri

thought the time was not ripe point has cromes as editors and the Ministry of Information, in to do that and also because he no one can write what he realbad been to the Soviet Umon ly thinks of the public sector, as a State guest some years ago, jute prices, tea, cement and the JRD's recent statements don't In any case, communism problem of cutting down costs ring true), in the newspapers. began with the banks. The de- and increasing profits as an in- in the Comex, even among the privation of the sacred rights centive to forward-looking busi- Syndicate (why does Atulya of 11 major bank owners and nessmen Knowing this Mr Babu read Evtushenko?) and their friends and relatives can Masani has called for a reor- among Reddies in particular be said to be the equivalent of ientation of FICCI. They have We openly fling the challenge the mutiny on the 'Aurora," or not shown any guts so far They and wait the setting up of Yenan. The have swillowed whatever the strategy of the communists was government wants, them, to to make the banks then base swallow. They are now even Not only had they now control pretending to be socialists. As

The fight cannot be carned underground some managers who basely de- FICCI must openly come out on scrited their class interests and the side of the right. They have went over to the enemy. Side the law and the Constitution by side with this, Mr Kumai- with them. They still have the amangalam through his safe newspapers with them. They perch in the Indian Anlines, have the cash even if banks have provided the revolutionaries been nationalised. But they are with quick transport in the showing cold feet because they form of amplanes and a set of think by playing along with the dedicated ideological councis in government they can resume

But a new and startling de pounded by Mao in his famous velopment has to be taken into speech. An alliance of bank account Along with the takeworkers with pilots and an hos- over of communism in India tesses was to be the base of there is the victors of red ideo communism in India the revolution. At a later date logy in what we fondly hoped perhaps workers of the Raj was the bastion of freedom and Bhavan in Calcutta under the democracy, the United States of influence of Mr. Dhawan are America It has been a terrible

Viet Nam They have falsely blankets

There will be more take-overs shall light it in the beaches of Kerala, in the hills of Kakinada, m Rashtrapati Bhavan, in the Prime Minister's residence, in the Indian Airlines and who knows even An India (some of Syndicate (why does Atulya Babu read Evtushenko?) and

AGASTY A

Odd Signs-

On the windscreen of a car seen in Bangalore. Attention please

This car's stolen Once already 0 0

At a cinema house in Calcutta

I oilet Not for gents O O

On a public transport vehicle ın Kathmandu:

Body by: . .

Body-builders of State Govts.

Note: Items for 'Odd Signs' should be factual and not invented and should as far as likely to join the revolutionary blow to us all. The kudos given possible be in facsimile, Senders to Mis Gandhi by The New will receive two consecutive.

Moves were a foot at this York Times, the Washington issues of the Weekly for every time to muzzzle the Press The Post and certain British news- item published.-Ed., S.W.

Count the Dick Whittingtons



The PM said she would welcome back to the Congress fold all those "committed to democray and socialism"

The Zero Hour

THE innovations human in not altogether got over the when the chief allowed talking but adept in answering quesnating to ponder. have an array of these talking to each other simultaneously! institutions - the lecture, the debate; the seminar, the sym- started getting ideas, and proposium, and so on. The pre- claimed talking as his own sole resulted through evolution over becoming the lot of his flock centuries from its rudimentary There was no question of his doubt that its starting point turn the lecture was born-the was in the primitives shouting right exclusively of the chiefat one another incoherently tain! The consequences of asand simultaneously. Not have sociating lecturing with the triing developed any language, bal leadership were decisive for 501

sage, the rule turn to yell back in reply. This throne! was primitive conversation, a milestone in talking. Man has tion of talking institutions was not good in formally lecturing

genuity had made to nostalgia for his freer beginnings by those who are better gifted institutionalize talking are fasci- as witness how common even than him, provided they con-Today we today is the tendency to talk

At this stage the tribal chief structure must have prerogative, silent listening thus history. Those with the gift of When the earliest tribal lan- the gab started getting suspectguage was developed, the ed of harbouring claims to the simultaneous slouting was top position by virtue of their Now this experiment revealed word is as a channel of comfound inconvenient. Since there ability to talk! The primitive other possibilities It was notice munication. The wise men sit was now a specific verbal man-chief, in the event, was chary of

vinced him of their disinterestedness in replacing him Such persons were even given state patronage as court orators. The lecture thus came to stay firm- step in the evolution of talking ly, no longer an exclusive royal institutions? Guessing about the prerogativel

The next leap forward in talkbeginnings. There can be little having to pause to listen in his ing was when someone suddenly spared a thought to the multitude of listeners' silent all the time as if they were dumb! Why not, it was suggested, raised such worthwhile quesgive a chance for them to say tions, the inceting ends and they could well afford to do the subsequent course of human their little bit! So came the everyone goes home! practice of allowing listeners to put a few questions to the lee- the stage where everyone rea-

ed that formal lecturers were on the dus in serene silence, ner of conveying a given mes- granting freedom of speech to few and far between, and that the not so wise men-some of was accepted his followers lest it should throw their number was not satisfying them may be as wise-watching that one listens while the other up a speaker better than him- growing demands. The innova- them in defeaming silence. All yells, the former waiting for his self who would usurp his tions of allowing questions after disperse after an hom, transthe lecture brought up a big ported by utterly spiritual bliss! The next stage in the evolu- class of wise men who were

tions And so we had the next landmark in talking, no lecture, but only answers by wise men to questions put by not so wise

What is going to be the next future is risky, but one cannot shirk the duty always. The next innovation would be when, apart from there being no lecture, there will be no answers te the questions raised! Having

Even beyond this would be turer at the end of the lecture! lizes how imperfect the spoken

SANIAY

Sher - e - Syndicate

time of the usual power breakdown and the fan was on strike The ash-tray was full of cigarette stubs and "gurun's" smelly the rate of Rs 5 per thousand gossipping

odours of the place would haunt you a large drink." him even at the party he was slated to attend later on

answer. I was reminded of what happened long, long ago It was during one of my few "I junkets abroad A pretty thing ously accosted me in Warsaw's "Cro-"W codile" restaurant to ask me if question I danced I was stymicd or flabbergasted or whatever the word the literary blokes and book-reviewers regard as precise I first thought I was being mistaken for Uday Shankar or long hair (Between ourselves, the cost of a hair-cut being what the US and the USSR" it is anywhere in vilayat and the hosts not providing for it, you ledge would rather buy cigarettes than have one during a sojourn) "Then why did you say S K.

THE Editor was beside him- Then drinking in the dish, as the self with righteous rage Americans would say, I thought (for the sake of alliteration) her intentions could not be so when he strode into our report- aesthetic and that what she had ers' cubbyhole. That was the in mind was ball-room dancing

"I know the steps," I replied modestly, realising that the band was striking a jazz

"Good," she replied shaking cheroots which he "imports" all me by the hand "My aunt from the way from Rajahmundry at America is visiting us after nearly thuty years. She says she had We were sipping hot tea and danced with an Indian maharajah here before the wai and In short, it was not a sight for that he had then rifled here imian editor. That, too, when he tation pearl necklace. So she was formally dressed like that wants to dance with an Indian morning, wearing one of those again and you should pinch London-purchased nylon shirts those lustrous beads she is now with a stiff collar and a match- wearing. They are practically mg tie. He smilled as if the worth nothing but I will buy

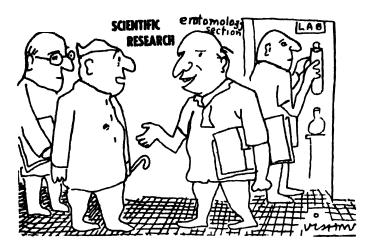
I must leave the rest of the story untold for the present be-"Can you roar" he asked me cause we have digressed a lot oruptly already Similarly, when the It is not a simple question to Editor asked me whether I could roar, I did not know whether to say 'yes' or 'no '

"I can try," I replied cauti-

"Who rours?" was his next

"We were told in the school that a hon roars Some poets have made the sea also roar and there was a novel entitled 'The Mouse Roars' which was also filmed It was about a country some other famous dancer with of the size of a postage stamp which declared war against both went on displaying my know-

The Editor cut me short.



"We've developed a special strain of bugs which can be used to abort the stay of unwelcome visitors."



"I wonder when they'll ever observe a 'no-power-failure' day "

Patil roared?"

I was in a fix Very often when you appropriate to your self what the news agencies say you are on safe ground because been impressed by my eloquithey have a rigid system of checking and cross-checking. But the advantage I offered to write now I had to take the rap.

Striking a defensive posture, 1 began "You know Aravamuthu, such a reliable chap and a they have the same word for very fast and accurate shorthand man He had heard Patil say that he roared at the Work- be a tiger though I don't know ing Committee meeting True, if it roarswe did not hear it but then the lawn was crawling with people, reverie "You were saying somejournalists, plain-clothes men, political busybodies, etc. It was even likely that the walls of the dangerous projects. I won't old building were roar-proof.."

I was like the cat caught in a pat Rai was oneclosed room It was no use being defensive So, changing another," I supplemented.
my stance, I launched: "You "Also, ring up the British proof-reader would have changed it to 'roamed' You know what happened to my purple piece in which I said, The chicinto a chicken roast -

Gulping the tea which was now cold, I resumed: "Secondly what is wrong with the lion? It further. We will call them is a royal animal. As Patil him-Sher-e-Discipline and Fakhr-self said, it is also our national Free Vote," I replied. animal. In Kashmir they are Kashmir There is also the Fakhr-e-Kashm'r. There was the titles should be published even a Sher-e-Gandarbal. They without his approval. had a Bul-bul-e-Gulmarg also. Similarly, we have now a Sher-

We will make e-Syndicate. Atulya Fakhr-e-Syndicate and Tarkeshwari the bul-bul

The Editor seemed to have ence. So trying to drive home a column explaining the virtues of being called a lion.

"Above all," I said, "in Hındi the hon and the tiger. If he does not like to be a lion he can

The Editor broke out of his thing about writing a column. Please don't think of any such have it Go to one of these lite-"But then why did you bring pary chaps and find out who all in the hon?" the Editor insisted. had been called lions. Lala Laj-

"Prakasam in An**dhra was**

don't expect me to say that he High Commission and find out roared like a mouse. Nor could if Attlee or Laski had ever been I simply say that he roared. The called a lion By the way, don't lay it too thick. We don't want Nijalingappa to misunderstand. What title do you have for him? And don't over-use the word kens of free vote have come 'Syndicate' Nijalingappa does home to roost' and they made it not like it. And Sanjiva Reddy called it the "wretched Syndicate "

"That simplifies the matter

The Editor suddenly realised fond of these titles You have it was time for his luncheon the lion of Kashmir, Sher-e- party and left me with an express injunction that none of

G. S.



The Syndicate's members have been making mutual accusations

Fringe Benefits

J assisting All India Radio in ed and exhibitated, in that to be organised these days, not be the first recipient providing small newspapers order. My friend swears he to say nationalised. Anyway, An 1 & B Ministry.] with editorial material care-saw burgeoning tears in Mr I think we should show our retary (Awards) who joins the fully diversified to suit different Gujral's eyes in the second appreciation of Jason for being conversation at this point, tastes, slants and ideologies has phase. And when he recover-one jump ahead of the Gov- That may be difficult, Sir. won kidos from one and all. ed — Mr. Gujral and not my ernment. What can we do?" There are many others in the won kudos from one and all. ed — Mr. Gujral and not my Ishall share only two examples of it with you. The first is dressing no one in particular than Shri Inder Cujral. Now, the PM meant when we said the is angling for. At any rate, securely founded than Jason's. one cannot vouch one hundred on different occasions about he has simply done what you Who is Jason, by the way? per cent for the accuracy of the tremendous enthusiasm re- say the AIR should do Never heard of him Anyway, per cent for the accuracy of the tremendous enthusiasm re-say the AIR should do the conversation I am about to leased by the nationalisation Mr G No, No, you're report, as who can of anything of the Press, sorry, banks? I too cynical I meant that his given to any whippersnapper. said these days, especially in know this chap Jason, a lazy initiative deserves a more There is the Central Hall of Parliament hack, if ever there was one, dramatic recognition than a sidered though it was conveyed to me And yet, the suggestion was job. Besides, there are all matters, by a friend who is the Lobby hardly out of my mouth and those tiresome formalities of Mr.

JASON'S modest effort at was awe-struck, deeply touch-dissent." Yes, even dissent has for editorials, and Jason will correspondent of a very big he has produced six different the UPSC and so forth. This raise technical objections of a paper. But it has the ring of editorials in conformity with chap may flunk a test in gen-footling kind. This is not the truth.

The conformation of the conformation of

An 1 & B Ministry Joint Sec-Mr G No, No, you're being Sii, these awards cannot be There is seniority to be considered in these, as in other

Mr Gural Please don't It would seem that coming from the House after ably If I may quote myselt, "Free-piloting the Press Council Amendment Bill, Mr. Gujral commitment with us." And was shown last week's "Shankar's Weekdy" in which the first set of Jason's "dictated ment provides different points of Gujral, according to my friend, view. A sort of "centralised shall be immediately instituted the real knowledge and not get attitude I like to see in officials, chosen. How about a Padma Padma Bnushan? On second the PM says rightly, is but a small step — and we are well getting the Home Ministry on set to take bigger and bigger to to this. So that is out. How gramme. Ah! I have an idea down, you, with your rulebook.

entirely by the evidence

on with it

Sri Ramajayam

H. Appalachari (F A. failed) Editor in Chief, 'Chinnalampatti Gazette with which is incorporated The Chinnalampatti Times

> Chinnalampatti Ramnad District Tamil Nadu

Dear Mr Jason,

class at the St Joseph's College learlessness of its comments that 'The Gazette' was offered

How about a Sahitya Akademi (in the examination, I regret to award for "dictated editorials?" say, I failed but not in Eng-Surely even Jason should be lish). I have been writing. At able to make the grade on such a basis

I.S. (relieved.) Yes, sir, it is a brilliant idea, but I think we Gazette,' a monthly and by had better institute the award dint of hard work and public quickly and also announce the spirit I have made it into a name of the winner. For I weekly nucorporating therein very much fear that if another the only other fortnightly of man were to enter the field, the town. I am, in the jargon Jason's chances of getting this of the times, a 'small' news-award on merits will be slim paper for whose benefit a numaward on ments will be shm paper for whose benefit a num-I don't know the man, Sir, as ber of promises are being held I said earlier, and I am judging out. I have long wished to ntirely by the evidence convert. The Chinnalampath
I.G. All right, all right, get
Gazette into a daily and I
have some hopes of being able to do so with the generous For example, we were the first but which 'The Gazette' refused Well, there are passages in the above exchanges faithfully reported that are not very flattering to me. But you will ten above me if I think that it of which I am the owner I currency would be changed in the passages in the interior of the first to introduce front-page editorials on momentous occasions the Delhi correspondents get the Delhi correspondents get forgive me if I think that it of which I am the owner I currency would be changing if I tolured to the passages in the passages in paper Finance Corporation. At page—incidentally, we were the was said that if the perks that the Delhi correspondents get from the Government of India were monetous occasions. would be churlish if I refuse so acquired it from Shri Srinivasa equipment.



assistance that is likely to be in the country to denounce in a to print for fear of getting mixforthcoming from the News- signed editorial on the front ed up with the law of libel, it

signal a recognition of my Rao who had mainly used it pratting about 'The Gazette,' a sizable sum So I would humble contribution to the for the purpose of printing though I find it an absorbing suggest that you use your unpublic weal. Here is another bilingual marriage invitations subject What I wanted to tell doubted ability to fix' things in This moving mail brought the and notices of the touring you was that I was greatly taken getting yourself an accreditation following letter addressed to talkies very popular in these up with your editorials from as the political correspondent me care of the Editor

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I am fully cognisant of the which figure I have accepted to You will naturally wish to celebrated astrologer, fact that behind the affectation avoid needless argument and to know what there is for you in ganita. Samrat. Gopalacharlii (in both senses of the word) avoid exacerbating the Directo-of the nom-de-plume drawn rate of Advertising and Visual one of those who squeamishly tripping over the carpet at the from Greek Mythology there Publicity who have been kindly shirk the sordid subject of payis a veteran journalist. One putting in a lot of family planment. Well, I am told that the younger man, I would consider can tell these things if one is ming ads in "The Gazette") does perks that the Government of this a fabulous offer. a journalist oneself as I have not retain its hold on its reader. India conters on influential polibeen for well over five decades ship by printing gimmickry but tical correspondents are nothing Ever since my days in the FA by the solidity of its views and to be smiffed at. In an article

Well, I should not keep on mensions, this would add up to

In addition, of course, you figures of circulation 1456- a loyal and intelligent reader- of The Gazette.' It would incandour compels me to disclose ship, a "fit audience, though terest you to know, besides a that the Press Registral after few." I am sure you will not be full budget of news and views, that the Press Registral after few." I am sure you will not be tun budget of how will prove that the Press Registral after few." I am sure you will not be tun budget of how will be tun budget of how will be tuned to the circulation to 1234, I am seeking to confer on you. "This Week for you" by the celebrated astrologer, Trig-

> Yours sincerely, Appalachari

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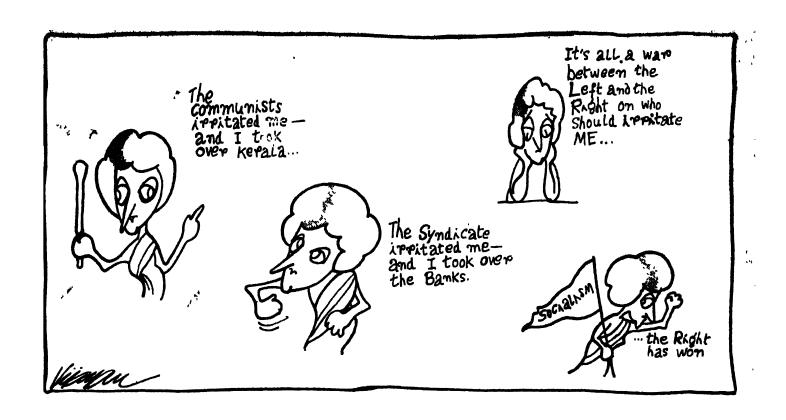












The New Reality

the Soviet position that springs provoke her Mrs Gandhi sprung nature of conscience of revolutionary consciousness her socialism on people almost have to be sought out in unex-like a jack in the box. Until a pected places. Classical revolu- few days before the Presidential tionaries have been thoroughly poll no one suspected that Mrs. confounded, the confusion Gandhi was going to take over springing from as early as the banks And in a vulgar Marx's original error of pro-phecy that the revolution that the sudden leap to social-would hit England first. Since then things kept going awry- the Syndicate's choice of Saruntil the beginning of the jiva Reddy. If this were true, Kosygm-Brezhnev era

Tarkeshwari Sinha, associated Had Mrs Gandhi taken a more in the popular mind with the rigidly centrist position, the Right wing policies of Morari Syndicate would have been left Desai. But it was Mrs. Sinha with wide manocuvring space who pleaded for the most radi- between right-of-centre and leftcal measures of socialism last of-centre positions O1 again, if week. She challenged Mrs Gan- Mrs Gandhi had given the imdhi to take over all foreign pression that she was going the banks and nationalise all foreign American way and removed contrade. She might even have trols on business houses in order gone to the desperate extent of to remove the shyness of capicalling for the nationalisation of tal, the Syndicate's people might this is pictly infallible. If Mrs. the lawns of Birla House if Mrs. have swung left. We might then Gandhi had announced the na

EVENTS of the last ten days had provoked her suffi- not Falstaff but Karl Marx on Parliamentary Board's decision, have generally strengthened ciently For Mrs Candhi did the idealistic and impractical the enemy would have been alone might also concede that people like Mrs. Sinha were taken Let us take the instance of unawares and hence angered Gaudhi or Mr. Shashi Bhushan have heard Nijahngappa quoting tionalisation of banks before the

However, the Suddenness Theory is not to be dismissed lightly either way While Mis-Gandhi's detractors advanced this theory to impute motives to her socialism, the Young Tinks point out that surprise is part of revolutionary strategy

"What would have happened," asks one of these, 'if the sailors on battleship Aurora (not to be confused with Mr Arjun Arora) had first conducted a symposium on the advisability or otherwise of training their guns on the harbour? What would have happened if the Petrograd Soviet first went in for a consensus over launching the uprising? Surely the enemy would have been alerted and the revolution betrayed'

cited and the revolution betrayed in other words, there would have been no banks to nationalise after the announcement of Sanjiva Reddy's candidature and the sacking of Morari Desai

Of course, old Congressmen who believe in untry believe that this need not have been so.

"After all," says a unity partisan from Satari "the Congress, like Mohan Dharia said, is a magic party Such a party never dies and never polarises. Nor does it take extreme and rigid positions Even if Mrs Gandhi had announced her socialism early and nationalised the banks before the Syndicate's decision was made known, she could still nationalise those same banks over again. In the West, it is understandable, a bank is nationalised only once. We are The logic which follows from net bound by the doctrinaire methods of Western socialism

Now back to Tarkeshwari



"I admit the advertisement is ambiguous but thank goodness you are no suens

no telling what she might do Socialism is an exact science kash Narayan, say that her sym-dilettantes. pathies are with the Navalites (She may not see eye to eye with Ajita, though) Or she meanwhile, are watching all this might go the Castro way, which with great attention Soviet is more likely, because Castro, sources have expressed satisfacwhile he expresses revolutionary tion over the victory of Mrs ruthlessness as much as Mao Gandhi's faction in the Con-Fiesta

that Mrs Sinha's new leftism is gives to what it believes to be Alexander Nevsky, conventional among those who were inan infantile disorder Scientific a new focus of socialism has be. Communists everywhere were spired by Mrs Gandhi's socialism has be.

Sinha Having advanced as far bei of the Civil service, means as the demand for an immediate socialism brought about in takeover of foreign trade and a alliance with Presidential elecceiling on urban income, there is tions and Cabinet reshuffles next She might, like Jayapra- There is no room in it for the

The forces of world socialism. Tse-tung, also stands for the gress According to them she is the real symbol of Indian social hsm. They believe that she has Whatever path she might applied socialism to the cra of take, the danger is there all the Syndicate like Kamaraj ap-On behalf of the plied it to the era of the consen-Prime Minister it has been said sus. The support which Moscow socialism, said a certain mem- gun to disturb the Communist shocked. The Tudeh Party tried

striking nearer home, and CPI standing and paid dearly for its leaders are nervously debating folly. the possibility of the Soviet Union considering the non-Syn-

Iran was a peaceful and progress have us much confidence

Party of India. Things are to resist this new Soviet under-

The Indian Civil Service was dicate Congress a better ally regarded at one time as an outthan the Communist Party it- fit of collaborators and toadies. The late Jawharlal Nehru even promised to disband it along Nothing is impossible. The with the princely order once dynamic of today's politics is India was free. Of course, Jawaforcing people to discover harlal did not disband either of strange and new allies. But the these orders But we have come difference is that these alliances a step further. We have discovdo indeed work. Thus, when cred genuine revolutionaries in the Soviet Union discovered that the Civil Service There are His Imperial Majesty Arya Me- few other Indians in whom her Shahenshah Pahlavi of the Soviet working people



"A pigeon is a macon, Mister

sive prince like Karan Singh or No wonder therefore

lism were the Civil Service, the princes and so on The semantics of revolution have changed.

It is therefore in the fitness of things that the Americans also have shed their prejudices and found new allies for democracy The Soviets suspect that China and the U. S. A. are actmg m collusion and that the Chinese nuclear bombs are really being manufactured by American scientists. Soon it will be suggested that the Thoughts of Mao Tse-tung were supplied by the Ford Foundation.

It is clear that this revolutionary situation is something altogether different from revolutionary situations that existed before Only a revolutionary like Mrs. Gandhi can understand and master it.





Alarums and excursions

THE fiasco of the SSP-spon-hold interest in the face of Coning lost the initiative to her at test, they have lost, the Jana sored no-confidence motion gress in-fighting The storm sig-the outset Whatever hope Mrs Sangh also lost one of its Memto the six weeks of excitement ther for the monsoon session of nistership after Moraru Desa's groups, the Communists have in which Mrs. Gandhi displayed Parliament The Syndicate and ouster from the Cabinet was found themselves closely drawn a rare combination of skill and the Prime Minister were on colfinally lost in the battle for the mto the Congress quarrels, havfirst time no other Opposition ved stronger than the crisis and eign investments and what have gress Right on the other, on tempt at compromise for sevethe government was "a govern-ment of contradictions," that it was "in collusion with big business, foreign capital, fedual re-retains its identity lack of prior consultations that Congress Parliamentary Party Sinha was not enough to carry prevented other groups from supporting such a resolution? The answer would Mr Jagjivan Ram and the suggest that the appeal of SSP's "Young Turks" The "free-vote" lost on its allies even while the Congress is going through a else Mrs Gandhi decides should watch her every step complexity.

and Mr. George Fernandes are tionalisation ordinance immediwas so worded as to be an at- mittee All through the sequence, the Opposition played blindfoldwarring Congress factions

blanket non-Congressism, with became the symbol of Congress all its dubious postures, is being progressivism as much as banks nationalisation and whatever split. The monsoon session saw follow, including the enquiry inthis situation develop in all its to the Birla concerns. The Syndicate, more specifically its champions in the Parliamentary Spanning the session was the Party including the three wocrisis in the Congress Party Le- men MPs who led the battle on gislative business such as was behalf of Mr. Nijalingappa with transacted, except for the Bank incessant fury, had no chance of Nationalisation Bill, had little to curbing the Prime Minister, hav- lisation and the Presidential con-

at the end of the monsoon ses- nals raised at the Bangalore Gandhi's opponents had of re- hers, sion has marked the anticlimax AICC had forecast squally wea- moving her from the Prime Mi- Among the other Opposition ruthlessness not witnessed be- lision course, said the experts, Presidential election as Mr ing thrown their lot with the fore on the political stage of and there was talk of a fight to Giris victory fully confirmed Prime Muister, though Mrs. New Delhi Not that Mr Madhu the finish Mr Morari Desai's the preemmence of Mrs. Gandhi Gandhi has been quick to deny Limaye, Mr Ram Sevak Yadav resignation and the banks na- in the party and in the country that she is any fellow-traveller. for the time being. It was there- While on issues like banks nalikely to be discouraged by the ately raised the suspense and all for an embittered Mrs. Tarakesh-tionalisation the line up has inphenomenon of 13 SSP members waited for the promised "take- wari Sinha who moved in the cluded Communists, Socialists, alone standing up in support of over" after the Presidential electock Sabha a resolution for natio-their motion. But the fact noted tion. But then the Congress nalisation of foreign trade, gene-Lok Sabha a resolution for natio- DMK and Congress "Young nalisation of foreign trade, gene- Truks" on the one side and the by some others was that for the Party's instinct for survival pro- ial insurance, steel industry, for- Swatantra, Jana Saugh and Congroup seemed willing to lend the denouement came with the vou. Interpreted as a "challenge" support to the SSP motion which patch-up in the Working Com- to Mrs Gandhi to implement all to Mrs Gandhi to implement all on Kerala or West Bengal, the and more than the 10-point eco- party alignments undergo sevenomic programme of the Con- ral changes Thus the SSP could ral viewpoints. The motion said, ed, leaving the decisions to the gress, the resolution, however, not only support bank nationaliachieved a sort of distinction by sation but also move along with getting only four "free votes" in Swatantra and Jana Sangh pres-As a result, the Congress Party its favour from the Congress sing for sending the Bill to a though side in spite of Mr Madhu Li- select committee Again on the lics and bureaucracy," and that it is virtually split. Simultanc- maye's invitation to Congress subject of police raid on the it had only recently encourage ously, the session has witnessed members to quit the party and ed destruction of democracy in the assertion by Mrs. Gandhi of cross over to his side Apparent-Uttar Pradesh" Was it only the her position of leader of the ly, a radical stance by Mrs Opposition and Prime Minister, supported the party with her and in any by Mr Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed, case not after the Presidential election At the same time, it nists As for the PSP, its only would indicate that the Prime significant act in the session was Minister will be constantly under pressure to keep up her popular image and would have to

> For the Swatantra and the Jana Sangh, the session was a bitter experience, their hopes on Party being sadly behed by Shanmugham Pillai events On both banks nationa

Swamı Brahmanand. that she is any fellow-traveller. many other issues like questions West Bengal Assembly, the SSP found itself criticising the United Front Government, even alleging that the raid by the policemen was a kind of conspnacy by the Marxist Commuto sponsor the candidature of M1 H. V Kamath for Vice-Presidency. The estimated fifty and odd Congress votes which Mr Kamath got takes the PSP closer to the Syndicate group in the Congress than to the other Opthe emerging strength of Right. position parties who had their ist influence in the Congress own candidate in Mr Shiva

ABSENTIA GALLERYMAN



March





Lend me your ears

costing a tidy bit of money but, would not have risen at all apparently, neither Manageby divergent demands and counter-demands, each side seems anyous to tell the man in the street what the 'real' issues are Airlines pilots averaging about demed It is hard enough to appreciated

conscience-cleaning campaigns such inhuman level! One knows organised during strikes by the of many people who almost wept Airlines pilots and the Bank em- when they read of the pilots' to enlighten us some months ago their pockets about the economics of auto-

AN interesting recent develop- nics took us into confidence and ment in our country is the in- with the aid of diagrams explaincreasing use made of the Press ed to their own, if not our, satisby parties to any dispute, taking faction, that but for govern-up a whole or half-page adver-ment's insatiable greed for hightisement space to explain their er excise and sales-tax revenues, respective stands. It must be the price of petroleum products

All this is very instructive But ments nor the Unions have any for this public display of not dearth of funds. Even while bi- very clean linen, we would nelateral or tripartite negotiations ver know what goes on behind are under way to reconcile wide- the scenes and what skeletons group should have complicated prised that the pilot's modest dedinary citizen, one should say by an unsympathetic bureausolicit our goodwill are greatly get for thirty rupees these days?

cles at a loss. The oil compa- if students umons do this one of five per cent of the population.



hardship to the 'janata' and how ed, while on flight duty, to eat end, but to be also asked to pay to congratulate her have anyaspirations of the youth?

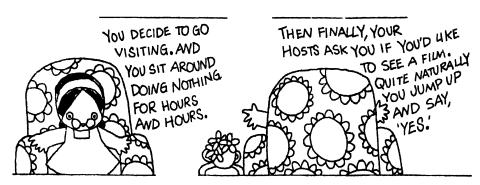
A 'group of young executives,' preferring to remain anonymous ployees Sometimes there is no plight Many car owners could in the best traditions of modesty actual dispute but some mea- not sleep for nights at the among our young executives, sure amounced or contemplat- thought of directors of automotook advertising space recently took advertising space recently ted by the government or vague- bile factories going about in rags in popular newspapers to tell to paid advertisements, is a ly feared causes a tremor in the and unable to pay their chil- the public why they welcomed mighty institution Let the fresh seats of vested interests. Their dien's school fees because after the nationalisation of banks, air of controversy at Rs. 20 per Public Relations chaps then go they had spent everything they Surely the "old executives" will column centimetre blow freely into action. Car manufacturers, had on searching for import sub- not take this lying down but will through it and let everyone, for example, were good enough stitutes they had nothing left in consider it a public duty to ex- whether he plants tea in the plain, in an even bigger display, gardens or drains the bitter cup Although they have not taken what the facts of the matter are at the consumer's end, have his mobile production and how they up full-page advertisements so and whether or not people of say and blow his little trumpet. were virtually selling the vehi- far, one should not be surprised their way of thinking form only

Is the syndicate thinking of a legitimate grievances cannot be campaign of public elucidation street what the 'real' issues are Airlines pilots averaging about denied It is hard enough to just to set the record straight? and how it is the other side that four to five thousand rupees have to sit quietly through lee- Did the dhobis who went to is causing all this unnecessary (not miles) a month were oblig- tures for fortyfive minutes on PM's house the other evening regrettable it is that the unrealistic stance taken by the other the passengers? One was sur- or for journeys in connection lisation on their mind? Theirs is or for journeys in connection lisation on their mind? Theirs is with their extra-curricular acti- a much maligned public utiliso simple a matter Each party mand for Rs 30 for lunch and vities, such as going to pictures, ty service and one may reason. claims that it alone has the good Rs 50 for dinner in lieu of the is surely too much to expect, ably except them to come out of the nation at heart As an or-horrid meals was turned down Everyone knows that examina- with a declaration of their aims tions are not a true test of abi- and objectives, in the Sunday that such efforts and the cratic management. After all, lity Then why have the exami- editions naturally, this being pains the protagonists take to what kind of a lunch can one nations at all? Why must the the day when they pay their question papers be set by fusty weekly visits to our homes to Could the oppression of poor ald professors who cannot pos- deliver the washing. They owe We have seen these expensive defenceless employees—sink to sibly understand the urges and it to themselves to explain that just as you cannot make omelettes without breaking eggs, you cannot clean shirts without breaking the buttons.

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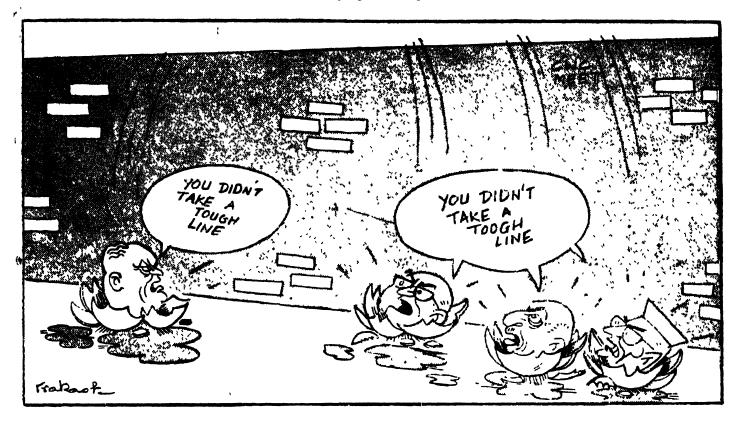
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AND IT TURNS OUT TO BE A FILM ABOUT THEMSELVES . MUCH WICER TO SIT AROUND 1 DOING YOTHING.

Humpty dumpties



The Psychopathology of Red Tape

and infectious disease endestudy of the origin, pathology and hyed laborious days." He here, young boy, you are new mic in government offices all and cure of this disease was did not know then that, in a to this office and hence you are has revealed that this diabolic ces of the SPCA (Society for jobs are few and the aspirants work entrusted to you There is virus proliferates as a direct 1e- the Prevention of Corruption in for it are many, mere academic a quota fixed for every type sult of the mating of "indeci- Administration) and the IERT brilliance is an inadequate pass- of work and it is not advisable breeding ground is the musty Red Tape) Thousands of cases tempts to secure a decent job out-turn should always be a by impertment chaprassis, in of a typical patient is reproduc-dolent clerks, impotent supering ed below. For obvious reasons " dolent clerks, unpotent superin-"higher-ups" who are "prisoners of indecision."

There have been reports rereveal that it does not thrive freely in such offices

over the world Recent research launched under the joint auspi- competitive world where good in a hurry to clear all the sion" and "procrastination." Its (Institute for the Eradication of port for a good job So, his at- to exceed the same In fact, your atmosphere of the government were studied by the team and tailed and he joined the army of little short of the quota Unless offices and it incubates during certain conclusions have been clerks in one of the government you accumulate arrears and the larval period in the 'IN" and arrived at In order to fully ap- departments-the last resort of a complain of overwork, you will "OUT" trays of the office, being preciate the findings of the Re- disappointed aspirant for higher either be drowned by the extra tossed about from table to table search team, the clinical history tendents, inefficient officers and the patient's name has been joining, Mr Red Tape was ex-your motto. Further the more withheld and he is being refer- posed to the disease and he got red to as Mr Red Tape

garding the prevalence of this lad during his college days and ed diligently and completed the disease in non-governmental he graduated in the first division 10b in a couple of hours, and, offices. Investigations, however, with an unblemished college re-like. Oliver Twist, asked for stage of the disease are procrasticord Braving the risk of be-more Mr Veteran, his senior nation and inertia. The patient coming unpopular with his col- colleague was scandalised at this will be reluctant to take up a

RED Tape is a highly toxic medical research project for the of the poet, he "scorned delights to slow down He said "Look

150 vouchers and was asked to Mr Red Tape was a healthy post them in a ledger. He workleagues, he did not participate unholy haste. He called Red paper for disposal The time tall in the recent past, a psycho- in strikes etc., and in the words. Tape to his side and advised him ken to dispose of a paper is in

work thrust on you, or you will be sent home to face unemploy-On the very first day after ment, So, 'go slow' should be work you do the greater is the infected. He was given about possibility of your committing mistakes and getting into trou-

Thus the symptoms of the first

duect proportion to the length confirmed victim of the disease. of service and so on

A few days later M1 Red holder not available on the file Accordingly he wrote, "your preness and equivocation

of service. If he takes 10 minutes He had raised a figurative wall to deal with a case in the first around himself and his first year of his service he will take reaction to any work that was 20 minutes in the second year given to him was to stoutly refuse to accept it saying that it pertained to some other task He found a loop-Tape was replying a letter in hole to escape any work and which the other party had refer- he accepted only that work red to a previous communicat- which could not be avoided in ion. This communication was spite of using all his ingenuity

The next symptom became vious communication has not apparent only when he had got been received. Please send a his promotion to the higher copy to take necessary action, cchelons of service. Whenever His Superintendent, Mi Crony he had to commit himself called him and said, "Never to any opinion he will 10pe commit yourself to a positive in as many people as posstatement Who knows, the letter might have been received in paper to "X" 'Y and 'Z' for resome other section and may be marks. This process had a doulying unatterded" So saying, he ble advantage First it postponamended the draft to read "Your ed decision After all, during the letter in question does not ap-interval, encuinstances may renpear to have been received in der a decision superfluous. Sethis office" Next time, when Mr condly, quite a few persons Red Tape wrote "Your letter is would have studied the case and not traceable." Mr. Crony am- the decision, in conformity with spite of all these precautions, a study team. Being a deep-rootended it as, "Your letter is not the views of so many, has all wrong decision is actually taken, ed malady, it will be a Herculereadily traceable." The second chances of being correct. Further you will have companions an task to cure the veteran of sympton of Red Tape is vague- ther, where there is difference in distress of opinion among some colleagues, the decision-making ressystem fully and had become a sing censure. Ultimately, if, in-claborate



'My pledge and the subsidy I get make it impossible for me to grant what you seek"

By this time Mi Red Tape poissibility may be pushed up to first victims of Red Tape, the munise the new recruit from had absorbed the poison in his lugher authorities without invit- rule makers, have prescribed an being infected. The most effecmakes a paper make a circuitous against its insidious attack is intour before it reaches a finality sistence on promptitude A time -if at all Its passage through limit should be fixed for a final the labyrinths of the various reply to all communications and sections is shrouded in mystery, non-compliance should be puniand the outsider who tries to shed follow its course unaided is foolhardy and is doomed to failure

> of Red Tape is corruption and at this stage of development it wrong decisions. This decision-makes its appearance When the phobia should be attacked on progress of a petition is enmesh-two fronts, viz Impositon of ed in the tangled web of Red-punishment for evasion of Tape and is lost in the labyrin- quick decisions and condonation thine intestines of the office, of genuine error of judgment. In then the petitionet gets worned and starts operation "Greasepalm" This is a complicated a decision and wanton miscarand delicate operation as one riage of justice to favour the has to correctly diagnose the favourite, should be made and proper palm to be "greased", the extent of the "grease" to be applied and the method of applying the grease (directly or inducetly) Corruption itself being a major disease deserves a separate dissertation and it cannot be elaborated further in this thesis on Red Tape

Now, having studied the "Red Tape Syndrome," let us examine the remedies suggested by the

the deleterious effects of Red Tape The first and effective In order to facilitiate this, the step would, therefore, be to improcedure which tive disinfectant to be used

The study has revealed that the reluctance to take decisions One of the major side effects is the direct result of a desire to avoid probable punishment for the latter case, a distinction between bona-fide errors in taking the former condoned and the latter condemned

> In view, however, of the allpervasive power of the Red Tape, and the chronic nature of the complaint, it is doubtful whether the administrative body politic can be purged of this vitality-sapping virus.

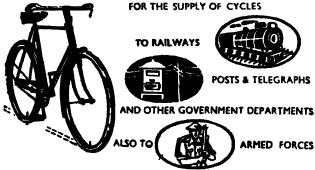
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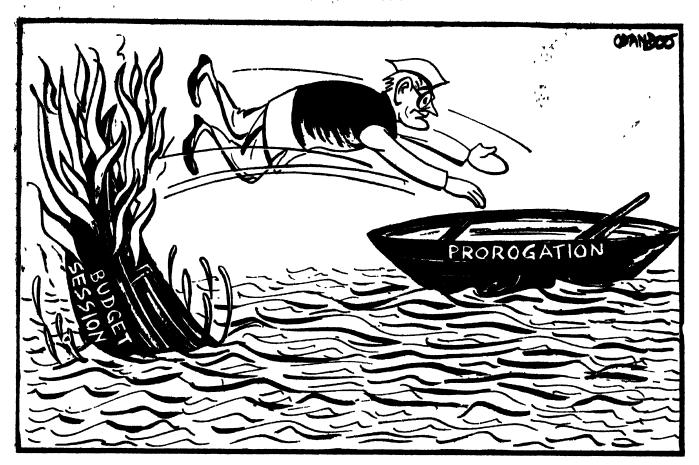
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The Parting Gift

promised a clear rainless day again, she was hidden by a curve rained After much pulling and I can at least foretell when it and therefore a trouble-free run of the road.

pushing and hammering of the is going to break down—what throw something at me and I bankments. ducked instructively. I turned My car is an ancient Baby' sive tape, together with various which it is hard to tell the front my head then to see her better model. It is one of those in kinds of waterproofing com- from the rear-overtook me. I and smiled with relief when I which the makers had attempted pounds stuffed into its crevices swerved to the left side to allow saw she was only waving at me to give the buyer a taste both from time to time, had finally it to pass, but instead of doing

THE business for which I had with a sweet smile on her face of an open car and a saloon made it somewhat water proof gone to Dharamsala com- Then I recognised her. She was body combined in one model and so it had stayed. I have been pleted, I packed up my little the attractive young Tibetan girl It was the car with the "Sun-frequently advised by friends to suitcase, rolled up my bedding, who kept the coffee shop in shine" roof. I had picked it up enter the car in one of the vinpaid off the Circuit House char- Mcleodganj which I had visited second-hand several years ago ges, gave the bearer the custo- only the previous day. Good of Even in the prime of its existmary tip when he had put the her to have remembered me and once it must hardly have per- hundred to one in favour of its two pieces of my luggage in the to wave good bye like this, I mitted much sunshine to come winning first prize for its class, boot of my car and started on thought. It was a happy ending in. In its present condition it but I have ignored all these sarmy journey back to Jullundur, to my trip and a good omen for did not even constitute a roof in castic suggestions and brazenly It was mid morning and the sun my journey. When the traffic the true sense of the word, for chug about in it among their was well up in a blue sky which permitted me to look back it leaked profusely when it sleek models. I have found that

to my destination. I was in good It was down-hill all the way sliding, "sunshine" contraption if it happens frequently! They spirits and had just turned on to now, with sharp curves so that over the years to make it shut can't with their models. the main road in the bazaar very soon I forgot about the properly, it had finally jammed I had covered about fifteen area when I caught sight of a girl in my concentration on in a shut on, to be more exact, miles and had just come on to girl on the road side with the keeping my old car from plung- almost shut position, and had a comparatively flat and straight issi of my eye. She seemed to ing down one of the steep em- stayed that way for the last four stretch of the road when a car-

tage car competitions. Some have even gone so far as to bet a

years. Sundry lengths of adhe- one of those foreign models in

level with me, till it was running through the windows. along at my side. The car, being of the left-hand-drive variety, the driver was on my side. He was a sturdy looking individual smartly dressed in lounge suit and tie He had a heavy face and his features showed him to be of one of the hill tribes. He resembled the Tibetans I had seen recently, only he was much darker He was so close that I could have reached ward and disappeared in a cloud ter a word. Now I turned around of my car to see what was there that could have attracted his attension to justify his strange thung unusual

"Perhaps he has never seen such an old car as this," I must hen asked me to get out of my ed "May be he expected to see car a bench at the back and was surprised at my upholstered seat. That must be it," I muttered to myself waving his dust

so, it slowed down as it drew away from my face as it blew in their officer. Seeing the lack of I wanted to get as far away is

my mind and I drove on enjoy- sudden idea. ing the nearby greenery as it swept past against the slower me moving distant blue-green hills with their backdrop of the intense-blue sky

An hour later I was passing out and touched him, yet he took Nurpur with its picturesque not the slightest notice of me, crumbling old fort perched on but slowed his car still further the hill above the road. What till he was running level with wains the ancient kings took in my rear door Now he did a choosing the most precipitous strange thing. He leaned out rocks on which to build their of his window as best he fort walls! I wondered how old could and brazenly peered in this fort was I must look up its to the rear of my car. He glanc-ed over the back seat and floon though. I had bent down the betthen popped his head back, acter to look up through my windcelerated his car and shot for-screen when I saw a group of policemen and a police officer of dust I was so stupefied with blocking the roadway in front had come and passed us. I his behaviour, that I did not ut- and holding up their hands as chanced to look at the stocky and holding up their hands as a signal for me to stop I pullmyself and looked into the rear ed my car over to one side of the road and stopped burly police officer came up and gruffly asked to see my driving behaviour, but could find no-licence. I fumbled in my pocket and produced it He examined it carefully, handed it back and

"Why?" I asked.

"We have to make a routine search, sir," he said politely but firmly

I got out and then noticed that the sturdy examiner of the interior of my car of a while ago, was standing amongst the policemen and his car was drawn up a little distance down the road He was a broadshouldered, short, stocky individual of middle age. He must have been a wrestler in his younger days. I felt certain The police officer now beckoned to his policemen and they advanced on my car from all sides, flung open all the doors and began their search They looked on the scats, under the seats, poked their fingers under the dashboard, took up the floor mats and in fact made as thorough a search as it was possible to make The stocky gentleman all this time kept peering in be-

results from the search the stee- I could before the policemen The dust cleared away and ky gentleman's face assumed a decided to make a further before long the entrancing most worried expression. I search of my car in case beauty of the scene passing be- thought I would now be perfore and on either side of me mitted to proceed on my jourmade me put the incident from ney but the police officer got a

"Open your boot," he said to

That made me lose my tem-

"Have you got any kind of warrant or written order for this kind of search?" I asked angrily

"It is a routine search," he repeated gruffly, then quickly added, "Sir," to make up for his lack of politeness

There was no use arguing, 1 felt, and opened the boot. policeman pulled out my bedding roll and was opening it when another car approached from the direction in which I gentleman at this moment He was looking at the car that had passed and the look of surprise on his face made me also look at the car and I too was surprised. It was a car identical in colour, make and model, with mine It was probably in the same condition as mine too, because its progress was painfully

The stocky genleman now came to life. He grabbed the police officer's arm and rattled off something in a tongue I did not understand. The police officer shouted to his men excitedly and drawing out a whistle from his breast pocket began to blow shrill blasts on it The driver of my car's double heard the noise, looked back and seeing the waving policemen, stopped. The stocky gentleman, the police officer and his men all ran forward towards him. I and my car were forgotten. My bedding roll lay half open on the road. I was obviously free to go, so hoping they would find whatever they were looking for in the other car, I flung my bedding roll back in my boot, started my car and moved off.

As I passed the searchers, they were so busy at their task that they did not even give me hind the policemen as they a glance. I pressed my acceleworked. After about fifteen rator as hard as I dared and minutes when they had found sent my old jalopy wheezing nothing, they gave up and put and shuddering forward at 40 the seat cushions and floor mats miles per hour. I was taking the untidily back and reported to risk of a breakdown I knew, but

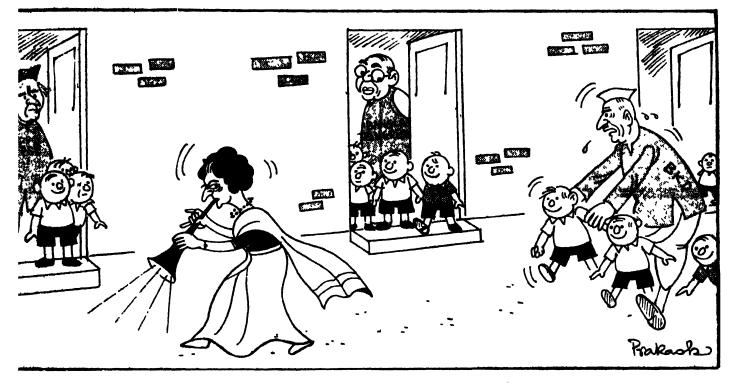
got the same results from search of the other car as they had earlier got from mine. It was only when I had crossed the by-pass road at Fathankot and was well on the main road to Juliundur and saw no sign of pursuit that I breathed freely again.

Almost a month later, I was cleaning out the inside of my car at my Jullundur residence one Sunday morning, when I struck my head against a projection of the "sunshine" roof. Nursing the bump on my head, I looked up to see what it was that I had struck. Under one corner of the torn flap of re-xine that had hung loose for years, I noticed a round protuberance. I shoved my hand between the rexine and the sliding roof and encountered a fairly hard, round object. I pulled it out and found I held a beautifully-fashioned, miniature long boot of the type the Tibetans wear It was bright red in colour and made of coarse woollen cloth The inside was stuffed with some soft material and it was closed at the top. It was meant to serve as a pin cushion: I had seen a number of these in the Tibetan shops I had visited in Mcleodganj during my recent trip to Dharamsala. But how had it got in my car? Then I suddenly remembered the waving coffee shop girl I had seen when leaving Dharamsala. So my first impression had been correct She had thrown something at me This pin-cushion it had probably bounced off my backseat and by mere chance lodged itself under the torn flap in the "sunshine" roof. And this too, probably, was what the stocky gentleman was looking for. But why? I wondered, Its value was by no means commensurate with the pains he had taken to get it back. A possible reason struck me. He was perhaps the coffee-shop girl's lover and he had seen her playfully throw this to me. It had aroused his jealousy which had driven him to the lengths he had gone in trying to get it back. There seemed to be no other reason to justify his strange behaviour.

Whatever the reason, I had obtained a memento of my visit to Dharamsala.



The Pied Piper



Bhasatya Kranti Dal members, in sizable numbers, are keen to rejoin the Congress—Report

Nose for Nuisance

that we had been waiting for the other way round taxi to turn up. Then-

nine.

"Looks like a taxi," said the reenager, taking her eyes off he shop-windows for a moment and craning her neck as the veucle rounded a corner.

"It's a taxi," I hastily confirmed before the Young Man, always the wag, could stop his uncless whistling and say some-hing like "Smells like a taxi."

loes have a distinguishing odpur. The smell of cheap hair-oil or chameli ropes hanging from conformity.

T was more than some time the rear-view mirror rather than

folded recognise which bus has come from the fishermen's quarters and which via the buffalo stables. Was it Charles Didn't we shed our tails once to cope as anchorage for specs Lamb who wrote about London we dropped from the trees to sounds? I don't want to set my- terra firma? Or observe the ho-Jokes apart, a Bombay taxi self up as a Bombay Lamb in mo sapiens around you: the when I consciously made use of the barber shops, the my nasal appendage as a ho-Bombay did what you might call tets blended with that of over- strike me on my return to these. The more the sale of diaries and compliment to the strong stinks leated engine oil; the lingering parts after an absence of four memo books, the weaker the of Bombay (high heaven is no stake perspiration on the rear years, proclaiming the triumph memory of executive and his limit) than to any rejuvenation seats fights off the fresh jasmine of individualism in this age of P. A. alike. With another gene- of my smelling abilities I was

On is it that I have regained I won't be surprised if a genemy sense of smell on breathing ration of brainless humans is my native clunes? Verstably ushered in sooner than Wells In Bombay indeed every man is losing the use of his na- could have foreseen "Sounds like a taxi," said my thing, every place has its own tural aptitudes with the progress wife She prides herself in sup- smell One can't mention every of civilisation and artificial life. auricular power than person, of course. The Punjabi With the wider use of narrowand the Udipi restaurants, the er shoes, scientists prognosticate low logically from the fact that various local stations, each cine-the eventual loss of our little our olfactory sense even today ma and each office, all have toes altogether With the procliis purely non-utilitarian. Do we
their proprietary aromas—the vity for pre-digested "pappy" use our nose for smelling out
sharp tang of onions frying or toods (not my word, the dentist our food? as a warning signal
of air freshener, the handker—who regretfully extracted a few against an approaching enemy? chief-demanding dusty files or teeth in the family coined it) what have you. You can blind people a hundred or so generations hence will be toothless.

> Too fanciful, too far-fetched? balder the people in the towns. The more the sale of diaries and

These happy reflections on the shape of things to come folis purely non-utilitarian. Do we to seek our mate even? Well, then! An organ used merely aesthetically is bound to wither away, as somehody said in anothor context. The cars will have

There was only one occasion ming device-and it was more a nation of computers on the way, returning from a distant suburb GRIPPING DRAMA OF A CHILD'S REVOLT AGAINST THE MACHINATIONS OF THE UNDERWORLD!

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impressive three-digit numbers the alarm and rescue us. denote BEST routes, not a fleet of Peugeots, nor a Mercedes knew I was on the wrong track my last breath, -I wanted the fresh-mowed maidau I promptly changed halwai's shop

sion when the realisation of my fectant lack of sensory perception came to me with a jolt. The office has installed one of these new lifts, prone to frequent break-downs After work that evening my chaprassi and I were in the lift, when it stopped Pressing the

one dark rainy evening, and I alarm button we waited patient had lost my way because I by like the miners after a caveboarded a 403 instead of a 404 m or the sailors in a sunken sub-(Throughout these memours of marine in the old silent pictures, my car-less life in Bombay the until somebody should notice

I tried to reassure the scared 230 or a Porsche 911) Standing chaprassi-something equivalent in the crowded bus, peering out- to whistling in the dark—that side was also impossible. It was although we were in the baseonly the place perfumes, perio- ment, judging from the smell of dically percolating through the the disinfectants in the baths standers that served as a guide rooms that was beginning to I knew when we passed the scep through the solid doors, bakery and the shopdi colony, I we were sure to be rescued bewas OK by the Municipal forc we passed out; and got Hospital, but when I got a ready to die manfully, determin-whift of the motor workshop I ed to console the poor man to

He sneered at my lack of buses, and sniffed my way knowledge of facts of life—and, home via the bhel-puii stalls. I suspect, at the look of stark the mango market and the fear in my eyes—and told me we were at the top floor; it was the insense from the caretaker's flat But there was another occa- that I had mistaken for disin-

The fact that I am alive to tell the tale is evidence that I am closed on all sides and smooth more civilised than my chaprassi so that you never know whether and consequently less alert in you are going up or down, and my senses. For, in a few moments the caretaker finished his poola and released us from the

PRABHAT VAIDYA



"You may get away with robbery but think of your fate when they discover you are travelling without a ticket,

"Pyar ka Mausam"

THIS "Season of Love" is no sentimental froth but could almost go unnoticed in the turgid climate of desi tilms, almost like the evanescent Indian Spring Asha Parekh and Shashi Kapooi do their best to uphold the Scason's flag, of course in aggressive, tease-and-bully style of romance, which is perhaps the challenging fashion. They ure aided and abetted not only by seeme Ootacamund, a big bunch of extras picnicking or cavorting but by sizable crowds of townstolk or village yokels as the situation demands. This the eternal triangle, as the plot in not to speak of the numerous (good) songs and ersatz dances which, outdoor and on stage, help carry forward the wiggling and prancing about most relentlessly And the greatest contribution to ioinantic vocabulary is made by Shashi Kapoor with his classic testament of love, "I love you, honest."

If this were all to it, our film audience would surely have felt cheated by this particular 'Season of Love as we do by our transient Spring Besides, the type of frothy romance which full a Hollywood season of love is not our cup of tea. Hence the importance of our film climate in which toddlers are lost and found and adopted or merely asked for and adopted in place of the daughter who has married against one's wishes, the planter Sardar would not prosecute his half-brother who is gaiding his estate, misunder-standing leads an unreconciled son-in-law, sans eyes (lost when someone set fire to his homestead), wander on to Ooty streets, the daughter who has returned to the fold is demented from shock of loss of her child and husband, the villain or villains go on plotting, intimidating and blackmailing m the hope of grabbing the rich Sardar's property; the good and bad characters are clearly aligned on either side; and truth will out fust as mysteries of parentage are unravelled what time the villains are systematically disposed of.

All this gives us plenty of situations, probably not altogether new, but entertaining all

the same as entertainment goes, and devotion as in putting a Sa- cation, Robert Hoffman, are emovable too

Very conventional, short of may seem, the picture has techoutdoor colour photography where our colour has "arrived" though the colour of costumes is still to "airive", and the sound track, particularly in dialogue, is a few decibels lower than usthe musical record

"Grand Slam"

If this is not sufficient, we have turn rocket into space, perhaps playboy, George Rigard, a couple of Lucknawi charac- With the ingredients generally safe-cracker and two odd job ters introduced whose efforts common and the gadgets of men, Riccardo Craciolla and to raise horse laughs should be course sophisticated, between Khaus Kinski, an international considered value for money A one jewel theft on the seigen team of experts with no police couple of car chases, an attempt and another it might look that record The professor's choice of to decoy the heroine (that shot there is nothing new to watch, time is the three-day carnival in of gm did its wee bit) and loud But it is the skill of direction Rio which Director Giuliano and long exchanges of fisti- which masterininds the entercuffs between the hero and the tamment, making each outstandvillam (against a back-drop of ing picture in this genre a treat, burning haystacks which pro- more than the masterminding vide excellent camera todder) of the theft itself in each case Here is an Italian venture spanning five countries-Italy, Spain, Britain, the USA and Brazil brink of disaster, only to be itself where the crime takes miraculously salvaged, till at place—which packs all the sus-last for all the ingenuity displace-which packs all the susnical values, particularly good pense and keeps the proceedings the least contrived-looking. Sanders did not while away his time just teaching convent girls in Rio but spent it more usefully nal, which is a great sophistication and a blessing. Let all drawing up a master plan for the way, perhaps seasons of love be short-lived, iffing diamonds from the bank as planned. It is the total effect we said, as long as we can have across in due course When he of controlled acting, skilfull retires and gets back to New level theying is pretty preci- pick up the dare devils who example) which endure in the sion work and a collective ef- would "stage" the crime And mind than the sordid nature of fort calling for as much skills he gets four of them to specifi- the crime itself

Montaldo uses to great profit to give us a spectacular view of Rio during the carmival and as counterpoint to the tension and suspense of jewel throwing There are brief moments when we feel the enterprise is on the played, crime does not pay In spite of Janet Leigh's remark-We come to realise that Edward able performance and Edward G Robinson as Professor James C Robinson's understatement that it was just nothing, we should not let out the secret of how crime did not pay. No photography and editing which together with near-countretemps York to search out his old friend, and the human touches (the Rio he has only to seek his help to policeman passing the key for



Asha Parekh, Shashi Kapoor

Points of No Return

DHANANJAY KIJTR Lokamanya Tilak Indian Freedom Struggle Popular Prakashan, Bombay 1969 take a good deal of criticism political goal of independence (pp xi + 463, Puce Rs 40)

[JNDOUBTFDLA the Loka- of a thoroughness and care for the Indian National biographies Congress turning into a mass movement for Swaraj His role was not the result of a clear ing that it is in the summing-

to shape Tilak in such a way as throughout the book to fit him in Gandhian mood and methods' (Pix) This bio-

manya was India's first detail, of which we do not have mass leader who was responsi- many examples, among Indian

But one cannot help the feel-

The point is that the Lokagraphy is a slightly revised edi-manya who as "the Father of tion of the first which appeared the Indian Freedom struggle" to India, which almost coincida decade ago. It is the product has earved such a firm place ed with the end of the Tilak

Father of the for himself in our history, can epoch in Indian history, the terms of ends is not without pre-

mage of the future he desired up (pp 445-55), that Mr Keer purely political and he was not tancous much forward of the On the other hand, not only did hives up to his self-assigned in the habit of being fair to a social and political activities, he fail to see any reason why task of being an unsentimental fault to his great contemporaries and the outcome was a final the past should be rejected but biographer. In the body of the like Ranade who felt equally parting of ways his mass movement was based book the preoccupation with strongly about social reforms on his belief that one has to details is still overmuch (though The political goal without a Mi Keer refers to the view look to the past for glory Mr Keer says he has tried to lack of concern for social just of an earlier biographer with avoid that) and the critical tice won him a following which Mi keer's book recognizes undertone is hardly audible in the social reformers were never this amply and it has actually most part of the book. The to get until Gandhi returned grown out of a feeling that the reader gets the feeling that there are biographers of Tilak in is an abinpt jump into the defensive almost always, then zeal to make Tilak and summing-up the spirit of which and the imperial power, through Gandhi appear alike, "strained should have been maintained such actions as the partition of Bengal, removed any chance the social reformer might have had

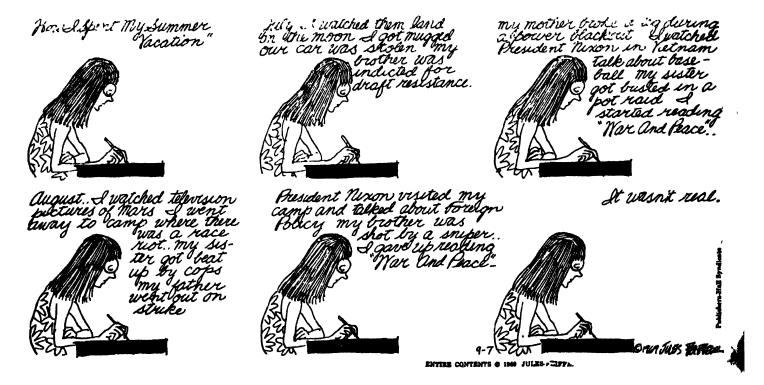
Tilak's justification of means in developed a logic of its own. Even a tolerant mass leader cedent but his impatience with like Gandhi was no longer in facts while critical of others a position to ensure that the seems to have created a good deal of avoidable bitterness as also higation!

Even the calling off of the porlitical struggle by him several The Lokmanya's goal was times did not help the simul-

approval to the effect that "one word from Tilak would have changed popular hostility to reform into friendly cooperation, but Tılak did not say the word" (p 449) Was it really that simple? Tilak could probably no more have given that decisive word than Gandhi could By the time Candhi returned have fought partition in 1947

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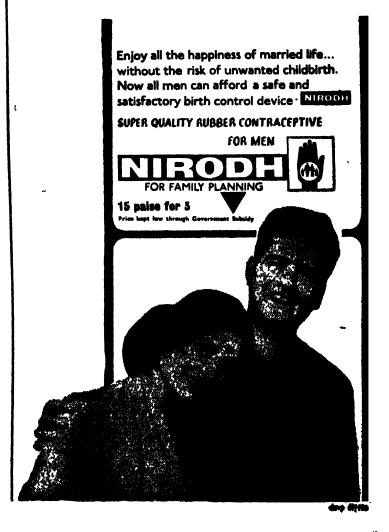
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FREE THINKING

THE United States, according to Ambassador Kenneth Keating, does not want non-communist Asian States to enter into any kind of military alliance with either the United States or with the Soviet Union. The Russian leaders, according to many authoritative declarations, do not want these States to have any military alliance with one or other of the superpowers. They are in agreement here. Neither of them would like China to be a party in these arrangements. That is obvious. It will take some time before, if ever, non-communist Asian States can by their own united efforts withstand the pressures of the super-powers. What does all this mean for the concept of Asian security?

In effect it means that both the United States and the Soviet Union and organisations and political groups connected with them want to stop subverting the system. A period of stability is expected to put the economy on an even keel with help from both power systems. In the climate of detente non-alignment is a respectable foreign policy and so that is no problem. In the interrugnum, the United States and the USSR can come to terms with China, laying down the limits of China's sphere of influence on the continent. Looked at with cold logic, there seems nothing wrong with the idea they have in mind. The leaders of the under-developed countries get a longish respite for trying out many economic and political nostrums to make their countries strong and viable. But is such a truce feasible?

In India, for instance, the recent political crisis in the Congress Party caused Rightist parties to revive the bogey of imminent communist take-over. This was partly old habit and partly for the reason that there is no other course open to them when governments advance what are known as radical policies. Is the Swatantra Party to agree to the bank nationalisation scheme because the United States does not want to seem reactionary and interfering? It will lose whatever influence it retains if it takes this attitude. And so the old warray of the communist danger is revived Similarly, if ever there is a Rightist set-up in the country within constitutional limitations, will the Communists refuse to make use of events to overthrow the government merely because the Soviet Union does not want to upset the apple cart?

As the idea of Asian security works in the minds of the policy makers of the super-powers, it is one of marking time for the non-Communist Asian States until the settlement with China is decided. To that extent, both hig powers will try to hold back any drastic social or political movement in these countries. It is an altogether negative proposition whose core is that none of these countries attaches itself to Maoist China. The consequence will be that despite all the hallyhoo at the political hustings India will continue to get PL 480 foodgrains along with Russian aircraft, General Motors collaboration the Bokaro. Asian security is the new name for status quo.

The Man of the Week



PLEASE TURN OVER FOR PEN PORTRAIT

The Man of the Week

B ALRAJ MADHOK of the Juna Sangh is a clear case of a mind in tumult He seems to realise that industrialisation and militarisation must mevitably attenuate the ethic of Hinduism as a factor in Indian politics The RSS has not realised this On the one hand, it asks the government to become a nuclear power, on the other, it stands by the varnashrama dharma Thctuo cannot mix Mr Madhok therefore finds himself strongly drawn towards the Suatantia Party whose andcommunist banduagon is attractur to all those who beluve that this political posture must automatically Western support hing The idea is simple India should be consistently anti-China As the biggest anti-Chinese State on the Asian continent, the West (primarily the United States) will pow money and arms into Indu This will lead to the emergence of a self-sustaining coonomy which can shake off American domination when sufficiently strong

That was a plausible theory twenty five years ago Mi Atal Behan Vajpanee uho keeps his cars close to the ground may not be able to explain the niceties of international affairs in sophisticated language but he knows that this country has to pull itself up by the bootstraps instead of looking for outside help. In this regard he accepts the Indian Communists much as Gen Charles de Gaulle accepted the French Communists as part of the Fifth Republic This is the crux of the difference between the instant pouci seeking Madhok and the more phlegmatic mem-bers of the Jana Sangh

This does not mean that the Jana Sangh is divided into a Right and Left division All that it means is that its urban supporters are finding themselves at odds with the slow-moving mores of their country cousins The Madhok-Vappayce controversy is but the beginning of this clash of conflicting interests

Image Builders

them as image builders but all important subjectsthere is no denying their efficiency. For instance, the other day ance," I suggested a friend who looks after the "Yes" a friend who looks after the publicity of a State Government lang up to confide m me He ed to visit Latin America. If I was interested, I could have a quiet cup of tea with him (the mmister) and know all about the

jumped at the suggestion The Editor likes such scoops about foreign trips presumably because the embassy people are impressed by them. So there I was at the appointed time beaming at my PRO friend and thanking him for the tip. Don't mention it," he said modestly and ushered me into the minister's

As tea was being drunk 1 broached the topic and asked the minister what he was going to America for

"Between ourselves," he began, "it is a private trip." One of his cousins had gone to Canada long ago and settled down there He was now celebrating his son's wedding and said he would be happy to have the mimster and his wife at the fune tion That was how the trip was thought of He felt he could utilise the occasion to visit some of the South American countries and discuss with ministers and others there the development of forestry which was his

propose visiting?" I asked

"Besides Canada, I will go to Brazil, Uruguay and Chile perhaps,' was the reply

Just then his PA came in with a piece of paper which he addressing the understudy. He then explained to me that he "As a matter of fact, I must," had to do a bit of shopping he confessed. "These reports in either in London or New York the foreign newspapers are not of the items he had to buy.

YOU might belittle the public issues but as an Indian I will relations crowd or mock at definitely exchange opinions on

"Such as West Asia, for inst

"Vietnam also."

"Our stand on all these prosaid one of the State ministers blems has been made clear by then in Delhi was soon schedul- the Prime Minister and the External Affairs Minister both within Parliament and outside. I will try to find out what the different governments think about them We stand for peace and amicable settlement of all disputes and we are sure the Latin peace "

> "In short, sır, I can say you will discuss matters of mutual interest, including international issues and bilateral relations." I put in.

"Yes, that sums up the situation You are aware of the difficulties I don't know whom I will be meeting and what they would like to talk about. I had once met a visiting minister who was interested only in coconuts and concentrated on the subject. As my knowledge of coconuts is limited to eating them, I dwelt on the different ways of making coconut dishes. When he wanted to know the recipe for the sweet we make with coconut and jaggery, I called in my wife. And she upset the entire scheme of things by insisting that only the poor used jaggery and that she had not even touched it. The minister was confused and wanted to know if the recipes for the rich were dif-Which are the countries you ferent from those for the poor,"

It seemed the minister would go on speaking about coconuts. Without sounding impolite, 1 tried to bring him back to the subject of his impending visit. So I asked him if he would explaced before the minister, plain to the V.I.P.s he would be "Have you got all the specifica- meeting the situation in our tions of the mixer for which the country, the bank nationalisabowl is required?" he asked tion and other revolutionary changes taking place here.

and was getting the particulars at all doing justice to our image. So I will tell them all about the I began again: "But, sii, be- 10-point programme and its imsides discussing forestry you plementation. But it should not might have other talks also." appear that I am going to ex-Yes, of course," he readily ceed the limitations of a State responded." As a State minister minister and discuss subjects issues of the Weekly for a may not discuss international which are beyond my purview." item published.—Ed., S.W.

Just then it struck me that there might be a language bar-rier between the minister and his potential hosts. "Sir, they speak only Spanish there, I was derstand. How will you manage without an interpreter?"

"Of course, that's a problem but it is for them to get over it." They must be having Englishspeaking interpreters. I won't personally like to have people from our embassies even if they know Spanish They will write back reports about what I said or did not say and it will all lead to complications. But a American peoples also want friend of mine who was recently in Mexico said he could get on there famously without knowing Spanish. The shopkeepers, night clubwallahs, everyone knows English-

Just then, my PRO friend barged in, bringing in another reporter who had similarly dropped in for a quiet chat with the minister

As I was leaving, my friend told me he had earmarked for me a few packets of blades which the minister would get from abroad "I would have asked him to get some other things also but his shopping list is al-ready long," he reassured me.

Odd Signs-

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Mi Jagjioan Ram has reacted sharply to Mr Morarji Desais statement

The National Situation

By our Special Correspondent

THE slience in the capital is ther, she is now convinced that ister. So that leaves him out in wards circumscribing her range, Minister, equally diplomatic, ister of Great Britain has declared herself both for party discipline and for a free agreed alternately with the criporters. And even Mrs Tarkeshwari Sinha has now come out impartially against the Syndi- Atulya Ghosh have not even a in the minds of the public Most voting for Mr Ciri Atulya Babu cate's profession that it never handful of the faithful to listen people now expect her to take a finds himself out on a limb and contemplated toppling Candhi.

With both sides m a state of such fluidity it is not easy to anticipate what either the Prime Minister's supporters or her opposers will do next. The Prime Minister herself is not clear on what the should do in the present situation. She is squeezing the Bank Nationalisation Act

deafening. No lions roar. Mr. beyond this extreme radical step the cold where he can make she has to take a more pronoun-Nijalingappa, the Congress Pre- her Government can do little peeches on behalf of party dis- ced socialistic posture. This is sident, has diplomatically declar- until the Syndicate publicly af- cipline, truth, non-violence, char- the dilemma she has landed hered himself both for and against firms that her powers are the kha, prohibition, swadeshi and self in after the sudden decision the Prime Minister. The Prime same as that of the Prime Min the other Congress varities to nationalise fourteen banks

vote. Mr. Jagjivan Ram has advantage over her rivals She from over. Indeed, it can never can address meetings in her little be over until one or the other figure to emerge out of the tics of the Syndicate and its sup-round-about, take out victory side makes a clean sweep of it chaos is Mi. Atulya Chosh, with processions and hold festive rallies. Poor Nijalingappa, Patil and cred at the hopes she has raised legislature party in West Bengal Atulya Ghosh have not even a in the minds of the public Most voting for Mr Gin Atulya Babu Atulya Ghosh have not even a in the minds of the public Most Mrs. to them in public. In drawing large number of radical econo- he has never been a climber. rooms they may be lions But mic and social measures to Even the ostensible support of out on the maidan they are change the social set-up in this men like P.C. Sen and Pratap often mistaken for stray sheep

tarji Desai who has reason to ly has said. Are these forces with the reported blessing of the feel very strongly about the which she has conjured up to be Prime Minister put P.C. Sen in whole matter. After all, he is put back in the bottle, she must place of Atuiva Babu in that the only loser in the game bet-be wondering whether she can short-lived ad hoc committee ween Mrs. Gandhi and the Syndo that. She cannot in any case Their coming together just now dicate Deprived of his port- until the battle is decided one is almost like the bizarre get-touatil the pips can be heard folio, he cannot return to the way or the other. Whenever the gether of C B. Gupta and Kasquesking in Rae Bareilli. Fur- Cabinet as Deputy Prime Mini- Syndicate makes one move to- malapati Tripathi But Atulya

Despite the toning down of Swatantra Party Mrs. Gandlu, however, has an the controversy, the war is far Mis. Gandhi is probably frightcountry. What she wanted was Chandra Chunder must seem The only exception is Mr. Mo- Prime Minister, as she repeated- months ago that Mr Nanda

and scared the pants off the

Perhaps the most piteous practically the entire Congress to strengthen the office of the ironic because it was only some

Sara Brown Ref The Con-

Saugh and remained Mayor for percable Leftist precedent for

said to have turned the fortunes not pay of the Congress Party in Tamil Nadu and of Mi Kamaraj m

Babu has nothing to worry. He particular. These who had drop pletely forgotten in the tumults fettered Prime Minister. is a well read man and is said ped him after his defeat in the Kamarai's It is a measure of some more time. With this im- his character that despite his po- fit of his political wisdom. Wical conviction, and the fact him, Atulya Babu need not turn that he is cutting the ground unlossal Nagarcoil victory was tics this kind of character does

backing of the Congress Party to the hands of an organisation lish the idea of stepping into the When she was about to be top-man like C. Subramaniam who shoes of Mr Khadilkar As a pled she unhesitatingly sought is now taking on the Leftist col- Congress back bencher he canand got the support of the Jana outation that was for many years not find many occasions when many he can give the House the bene-

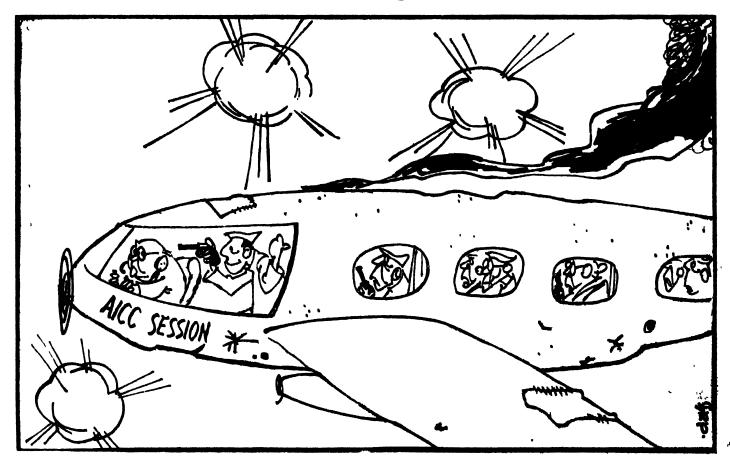
The opposition parties have a han if he takes it into his head der his own feet Kamaraj also suffered considerably in the to jump on the CPI bandwagon, has not let up at his criticism aftermath of the political crisis of the Prime Minister but has, The Left is not quite sure about The other Syndicate member on the contrary, affirmed it with Mis Gandhi's socialist bonam real is Mr. Kamaraj That co- greater emphasis. But in poli-fides It was all very well supporting her when she was talk-ing of the poor but now that she has equated the poor with One man who has been com- her ambition of becoming an un-

and the shouting is poor Left is not at all sure how far. to prefer the poetry of Maya- 1967 general election had once Sanjiva Reddy who has been it can go along with her. She kovsky over Evtushenko. The again flocked around him, hop- furiously clapping whenever may have nationalised fourteen Marxists may not quite accept ing he would rise high But then Mr Giri has spoken. He banks but she has also stopped him But if he plays his cards poor Kamaiaj cannot forget the cannot return to Andhra Jyoti Basu and Sundarayya from well he could still come to an Prime Minister and her coterie's where he has burnt his boats going to Viet Nam for attended. arrangement with the CPI This summary method of treating properly He cannot look at the ing the funeral of Ho Chi Minh has been done before. It was him and his political advice He Speaker's chair which is already by refusing them the necessary has been done before. It was him and his political advice He Speaker's chair which is already by refusing them the necessary only about a decade ago that had to join the Syndicate to occupied There is no prospect P forms. The Right opposition, Mrs. Arma Asaf. All became avenge honour. But in doing so of his being ever taken into the on the other hand, having raised the Mayor of Della through the he has played himself right in- Cabinet He may not quite re- the communist bogey several times with an eye cocked to Washington, has now found out that one can cry wolf once too.

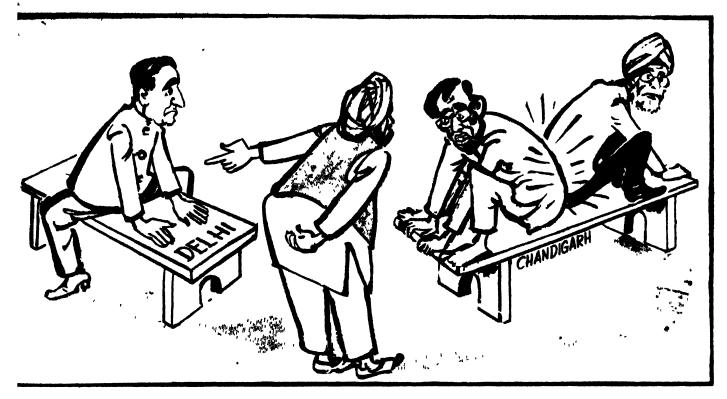
> And so the capital waits for the next cautious move from either side. Until then we have to be satisfied with the riots on the ridge over the arrangements made for the so-called Comex festival of youth and the riots between the public transport workers and university students But things are bound to perk up as winter draws near.

> > ACARTYA

Hijacking



75 Congressmen have asked for the AICC to be held in Delhi.



Mr Darbara Singh has suggested part of Delhi as Capital for Haryana in place of Chandigarh

The Revolutionary Syndrome

historic event into another is it permissible? Though the tics, it was the Russians who was particularly significant belast week, without respite as it answer is 'no' in both cases tried to misinterpret the event cause Ho Chi Minh was supwere. Hardly had it weather- (experience has taught us that Chinese retreat was done under posed to have been a nationalist ed the impact of the takeover even minor American institu- public gaze, and it was evident first and a Communist next of fourteen banks when a histons like the Ford Foundation to the whole world that it was Internationalism was inherent toric personality, Ho Chi Minh, and the PL-480 Funds cannot Dinesh Singh's and T N Kaul's in the broadcast, since the passed away. On Ho's emi- be fought) Dinesh Singh gave presence that unnerved a har-internationalised confrontation nence there never was any generous praise to the departed. dened Communist like Chou between the Soviet Union and doubt: he was a President after The first question which Chou En-lai. China-watchers and China in Hanor was given pre-tailed that he was a revolution-hosts in Hanor was, "Is any one the recent support expressed in alist event like the death of Ho and integrated totally, unlike hurried through the motions of the compromise solution which succeeded in wresting from the French after Dien Bien Phu. But the other Delhi, this incident should put the conduction which succeeded in the conduction which succeeded in the conduction with the conduction which succeeded in the conduction with the conduction which succeeded in the conduction which succeeded in the conduction with the conduction which succeeded in the conduction which succeeded in the conduction with the conduction which succeeded in the conduction which conduction which succeeded in the conduction whi

ary too. This country, with coming from India?". Chou Delhi by cabbies and horse Chi Minh And Hanoi itself, its tradition of prudence and was agitated. The North Viet-cart men to Mrs. Gandhi has as the Radio reminded the politeness, never questioned namese would have liked to convinced the Chinese that the listeners, was the scene of this claim though it is common put him at case, but the China- initiative in the battle for Asia continuing peaceful economic knowledge that Ho Chi Minh man insisted on being told. He has passed to India

Hence competition between the Soviet
nationalised no banks but only was told, "Dinesh Singh, the China's anxiety to avoid a confought the French and the Indian Foreign Minister." Chou frontation in Hanoi. Americans. Fighting the Portuguese. We did it ourselves to free the Brench and the Portuguese and a quick whisky-and-did it ourselves to free the Brench and the Portuguese to where the body of Ho funeral. After the brief haulage across the Chinese pockets which were secured Chi Minh lay in state. Chou preamble of sorrow, it remind- mainland and down In other

THE world moved from one fight the Americans? And, two, But more than our own scep- no national communism. This tition took various forms for however, instance, the controversy bewar, namely, with the Americans, dies. What better illusparticular. Nor did the comeconomic theories intelligible icans, gives rise to two questions. One, is it possible to foreign policy could there be? the point that there could be The polarisation between the

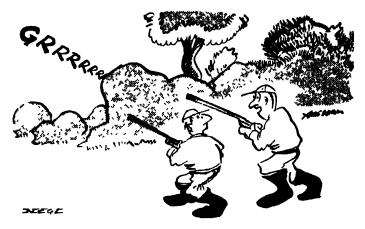
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case in point. We have had, American capitalism tion which was literally a mat-ter of multiplying the revolu-such historical surprise that we the Bank Revolution

Ho Chi Mmb trail and the tions opens up infinite possishipping routes has effectively bilities before the revolutionreduced the problems of world aries. Take, for instance, a revolutions to one of transport. In pothetical situation, of half a Incidentally, this reminds us dozen young revolutionary guls of the numerous simple but falling in love with all the heirs startlingly new quantities into to American corporate fortunes. which contemporary dielectics If all these guls managed to can translate itself. Our revo-marry, in the space of one genlution, or revolutions, are a cration the effective control of would to start with, a Peaceful Revo- have passed to half a dozen lution of love, namely, the revolutionary women. The transfer of power in 1947. We impact of this on, say, the had the Ambar Charka revolu- Vietnam war, could be fantastic

tions of the spindle. After that can understand the persistence we had a Silent Revolution of Indian revolutionaries in Later, with the emergence of their profession. Our revolu-Kamaraj, a Strong Silent Revo-tionaries have applied a wide This was followed by variety of methods, starting years more, they would have lutionary underground. Instead,

This proliferation of revolu- themselves jobs for another ten equities into funds for a revo-



"Are you certain that Mr Patil is not holidaying in these hills?"

the Green Revolution, which from crude incendratism and had to petition their class they reaffirmed their faith in is being variously interpreted teriorist attacks to revolution enemy for compensatory pentheir cubicles (one compared According to one interpretation, this is a revolution staged cently, a revolutionary, writing drome revealed some of its revolutionary army) and their by people green with jealousy in a contemporary even demost fascinating phases last perks, their clubs and their of party colleagues in office, manded pension for revolution-week when the Federation of secret societies and the whole like Jagjivan Ram was when aries Perhaps not a very Indian Chambers of Commerce box-wallah way of life But he was turned out of office practical measure, because all and Industry threatened to they would support the revoluting the Kamaraj plan When genuine revolutionaries ought split, with the Young (Turk) tion nevertheless. This added he came back as Food Munster to land jobs and not ask for Executives coming out in open a new dimension, the newest, he launched a Green Revolution. We had the Life Insurance Revolution and finally India have barely made it. Had
to desert their cubicles or their competition, but through capthey not managed to land covenanted jobs, or turn their italism

CACTUS



... they shall inherit the earth



PSEPHOLOGY

The Inertia Coefficient

THE Indian Institute of Very into the act of opinion-sampling of intelligent amateurs. For it is attempts at psephological judgments are unprofessional in the acquaintance with the basic ed prescient concepts of the science of psephology, it is that they set about , call it opinion-faking and ex- without a focus. This makes the IIVPO assertion of mex- vate that they were even unexversary.

Private Opinion is deeply course, to take at its face value has no right to call oneself a their own but merely took at distressed to note that in the pre-digested opinions. It saves psephologist. The HVPO is far their face value the assertions last two months of stirring trouble and shoe-wear. But no from happy in thus having to of some people who for devious events in the country a number psephologist worth his salt will expose the shallowness of much reasons of their own wanted the of unqualified people have got yield to such a temptation. Cer- recent opinion research-if it idea of polarisation to get about tainly, the IIVPO, with its ex-Their productions, which they acting professional standards have the nerve to have printed, wouldn't Its philosophy is encannot even be called the work shrined in its name -the purits feelings get the better of its novices are wained.) What, in suit of pru ate opinion. It is this not only that these wretched that has made it possible for the IIVPO to come out with insights about political behaviour sense that they do not show any that have time and again prov-

The second point that should the business in an unintelligent be made is that except on the way, promptly falling into traps rare occasions when the HVPO set for them by their natural deliberately suspends judg-enemies. The merest novice in ments, the IIVPO seeks to find the game knows-or should a theoretical frame into which know-that the greatest occupa- the empirical evidence can be tional hazard in opnuon-gaug- fitted This of course, is the ing is the tendentious nature of essence of a scientific attitude frame of the so-called theory of much of the opinion that is in any discipline and it is the mevitable polarisation" of the session of the AICC the theory peddled in public Yes, there is absence of such a frame that has Congress Party into the right and come to the conclusion, on a profession of opinion-making made many recent efforts a col- and the left. Now, this callow the basis of its careful study -in their bitterer moments, we lection of miscellaneous opinion judgment is a good example of the private opinion-so priperienced psephologists consider reader no wise after plodding perienced pollsters falling into pressed-of many Congressmenthis profession their biggest adthrough the opinions quoted. If traps set for them Now the that the hope of polarisation of opinion in all its chaotic pro- error arose precisely because the Congress was misplaced As

can be so called-in this fashion. (This is known in higher psebut it would be failing in its poligical circles as the "snowduty to the public if it allowed ball gimmick," against which professional conscience

the harm done by the kind of what really was a calculated spurious opinion survey con-attempt by some people to ele-ducted by people who don't verly insimilate their own wishes know their business. In the days, into the minds of other people before the Congress. Working It is not even their opinion in Committee met, the newspapers the sense of its being a judgwere full of confident assertions ment of what is likely to hapthat the issue of party discipline pen it merely represented what would be forced to the point of they would want to happen splitting the party at the crucial Working Committee meeting. This was predictably put in the had examined quite early in the

It is a sore temptation of fusion is all one has to give one they did not examine opinion on other words, these amateur opinion samplers did was to An example should suffice of mistake as a sample of opinion

> The HVPO on the other hand, weeks following the Bangalore

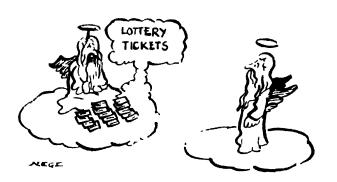


He might have become a greater scholar if he didn't have to spend his time in correspondence for the pension'

you will doubtless recall, the gress split along well-defined mory wit 'How can you likely This index is constructed polarise the equators'. This, on a representative sample of it should be emphasised, is opinion with care being taken not the expression of the wish- to eliminate bias, conscious and opinion survey. In addition this coced psephologist is capable conclusion is based on a new of getting the better of it.) theoretical concept developed by the HVPO called the Inertia Coefficient. This is a new, and in some respects, revolutionary concept for which the only para-Briefly the Inertia Coefficient is

HVPO put it with its custo- ideological lines become more es of the HVPO, as the opposite unconscious, and to make allowof this conclusion is that of ance for consciously hypocritithose who assert at It was, cal replies to questionarie (This based on a scientific assessment, latter hazard in opinion survey of probability on the basis of an is real and only the most expen-

On the be is of the questionane that the HVPO sent out, we came to the conclusion that the Inertia Index varied from llel that the HVFO can think of 0.876 on 14th August to 1.546 is the Defection Index" that it on the 19th of August, that is had devised in another context to say the eye of the Working Committee meeting In other a measure of the ordinary Con- words, our samples showed that gressman's desire for a quiet life a little before the Presidential under all circumsances. When election, when the hostility bethe Inertia Coefficient is unity tween the two factions was at or more than unity, then for all its most intense, the Inertia Cothe justability introduced in the efficient had reached its lowest Congress thinking by notions point since the Kamaraj Plan like bank nationalisation and (It was 0.861 in 1963 Septemother professed radical measures, ber soon after the Kamaraj particular individuals in the August and became 1 89 on the



partisan passions and the gen- they were so completely con-eral desue for a quiet life had, vinced that a split in the party, momentarily deserted them though worth avoiding, was not But the Threshold of Indiffer- avoiding at the cost of discipline. ence, another concept develop- But by the 19th, though Mrs. ed by the HVPO, (which is a Tarkeshwan Sinha's score was slight variant of the concept of still as low as 0 75, Mr. Patil's Inertia Coefficent) tended to be had gone to above unity at 1 2 regained once again after Mi V V Giri's election to the offi- convinced that the party should ce of the President. In other not split and a quiet life for words, those who were most vehement for disciplinary action. against the PM and her colleagues who asked for a free vote, began to be worned about the consequences to their peace of mind should the issue be forced and the Congress be split So, as is by now well known, there was a cooling off of passions and there was the compromise resolution adopted by general acclamation leaving his Inertia Coefficient to 0 97. the Congress Party more or less where it was before

be anxious to learn the score of which was 1 03 on the 14th of

shades to the fever pitch of mg a close at 0 51. At this stage which meant that Mi. Patil was Congressmen is possible only when it remained a centrist party For Mr Kamaraj the scores on the two relevant dates were 0 87 and 1 09, showing a reluctant coming to terms with the need for party unity at the expense of discipline. Weighting this coefficient for him for his remarks "We are deceiving ourselves" after the meeting on, the twentieth, we may correct But this was more than made up on the average for the entire Our readers would no doubt sample, by Mr Chavan's score,



"May I remind you, you are not to practise what you preach" Lately none of you has given birth to any idea

remore But when the Inertia to explain, since the drama of We part with this information the 20th after the meeting, the conflicient becomes less than inclingly correspondence had units the chances of the Con-brought Congressmen of all confidence in the faith that the ing the average in the chances of the Con-brought Congressmen of all confidence in the faith that the ing the average in the chances of the Con-brought Congressmen of all confidence in the faith that the ing the average in the chances of the Con-brought Congressmen of all confidence in the faith that the ing the average in the chances of the Con-brought Congressmen of all confidence in the faith that the ing the average in the chances of the Con-brought Congressmen of all confidence in the faith that the chances of the confidence in the faith that the chances of the confidence in the faith that the chances of the confidence in the faith that the chances of the confidence in the faith that the chances of the confidence in the chances of the confidence in the faith that the chances of the confidence in the chance in the cha improper use The coefficient is ed that the Congress Party's given for four representative in- chance of polarisation was nil. dividuals so that the transition For the uninitiated, it might be from the low threshold of indif- explained that only when the terence to the high (or, which is Threshold of Indifference or the the same thing, a low coefficient Inertia Coefficient stands conof mertia to the high) is notice-sistently at less than unity for a ablc.

> the 14th August her coefficient give our roaders a useful tool of mertia was the lowest being for judging for themselves the somewhere near 0 47, the low- prospects of Congress splitting est recorded to any Congress- in the coming months. man, with Mr S K Patil com-

month, there is a chance of the Mis Taikeshwari Smha. On Congress splitting. This should

Psychedelic approach



Mr Dange has called for the nationalisation of the drug industry

National Park

(New Delhs August 30 Mr S K Patil saul here today that it was not fair for anyone to say that he had taken a soft line at the Working Committee "In fact, I was the only one who roared like a lion," he said, talking to newsmen-Press Report)

HERE we have some graceful deer Nimble, swift of feet, There, a big white elephant Steadfast in his seat.

A nice whole herd of sacred cows, And geese that cluck, The ostrich, head sunk deep in sand, Some lame and lovely ducks

These huge ferocious animals
Only growl and grunt,
While here and there some ponies
Work and bear the brunt.

In this political sanctuary
Wild life abounds,
We even have some clever hare
Who hunt with hounds.

The long-necked thoughtful camels For ever chewing the cud; The thick-skinned hippopotamus Wallowing in the mud

While old and hide-bound leopards Will not change their spots, Our chameleons change colours fast And tie themselves in knots

These wise and wordly monkeys have Of Evil such a tear They will not see it, face to face Noi speak it, neither hear

The many-splendoured parrots
With speech of limited choice,
And loyal and faithful quadrupeds
Attuned to masters voice

But lion is the king of all,
A noble beast, and bold
He roars, but these turn fainter
As he grows old

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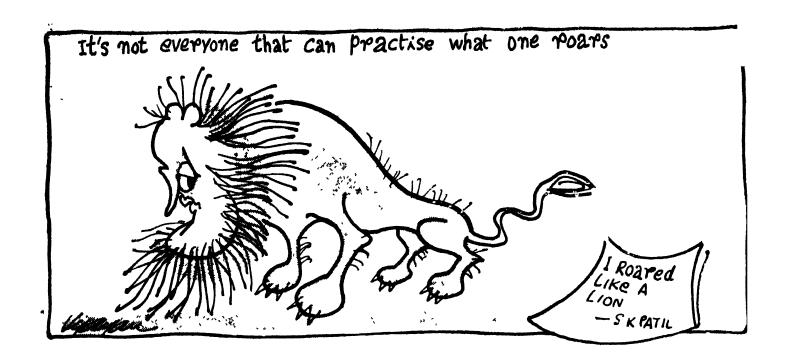






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The Echoing Tower

"WIIY anybody goes to that place worth calling by the name you for a fortnight" said to his friend Ishwara the

Ishwara for its mausoleums and its Echoonce, and I was never bored"

"Perhaps you belong in a mausoleum," Banda said mordantly all, and as for the multiple in a special room, which was of in 1 will' echoes, I feel perfectly sills course the only extra room the when I hear myself repeated eaterie had apart from the kitseven times, and the rest of the chen and the eating hall, and in on a tanga, hailed it and the mogle word"

by about noon, continued Banda, and the cretins with me were echoes, so I said you go your own way and I'll go inine I said I'd pick up the car and was that.

eaterie, Barapaur having no the mausoleums. They'll last

godforsaken place is a my- hotel. And the speciality of these stery to me," Banda the driver cateries is that you name the stuff you want and they just entertainment for the people of would drop off in a dead faint, clandestine taxi operator, "but haven't got it, and offer you a Barapur and the unfortunates if Lasked him to stop and drive they do for a fact, and it's my substitute. If you want chapati, who miss their way to this me to the emema. So I recommistortune to fug them around they'll give you jowar-bread as place." I asked ciled myself to the Tower and mistortune to lug them around they'll give you jowar-bread as to such places" thick as your wrist, if you want potato they'll give you brigal, 'Don't be a chump," said and if you want milk, they'll be said doubtfully, "but the about the face? Let's have an "Barapur is famous give you whey, and as for meat you'd better not try it, because ing Tower I've been to Bara- it tastes as if all the sheep there pui a dozen times it I've been end by old age, perhaps hearing multiple echoes

Anyway I ate and when I asked for a place to he down, mme my teeth without saying a sin- ing the afternoon the night and Well, we reached Barapaur every time the room was let

I dropped my bag in the in a mighty hurry to feast their room and having eaten and rest- inal "Hey! Wait a minute!" I lamps on the mausoleums and ed, lit a bidi and asked the host, yelled "Where are we going" tickle their long ears with the "How about directing me to some place of entertainment?"

"Of course," he said "Turn the party next morning and that the corner and walk to the as I can see, and you needn't do was to rush to the Tower and Echoing Tower You can't miss it It'll do for you till nightfall I was hungry and ate in an If you've still time left, start on

"You could go to the cinema," theatre is at the other end of argument now instead of gettthe town and-

"I will go to the cinema," I said fumly 'I'm sure the actress M--Kumari would be the bride in the film here while she's playing the perfect grandma at the "If you've seen one, you've seen host said he could put me up metropolis, but go to the cine- fifty," I said tentatively start

time I just hold my tongue in which room the cook slept dur- ment I climbed into it, the tan- off to 25 only, as it's only a gawala laid his whip on the most of the morning, and had horse which galloped at a speed want to pay less than that, do to be dragged out feet foremost as if it had the devil behind it, your every time the room was let or as if drawn by some lodestone rock in front of it. I never saw such an extra-ordinary am-

> "To the Tower of course," yelled back the tangawalla. "You're a newcomer to Barapur their lessare all they wanted to exactly ask me to drive to the hear the echoes Tower, need you?

seemed as if the tangawalla would get the shock of his life, "These are the only places of and perhaps even the horse asked, as was my habit being a prudent sort of bird, How ing to blows at the journey's

> Pay what you please" he said without looking back

> 'Not—one paisa more than ing from the bottom

"No" he said "I usually take 30 paise, but you can round it mile-and-a-half ride You don't

This was so shocking in a tangawalla that I myself was ready to drop off in a faint. But 1 controlled invsell. I realised that people here could hardly have any use for money when during

We stopped near the entrance This looked like Fate, and it where a Hyblown sort of chap"Want to see the Tower, sir?"

"How did you guess?" I asked "And what is it to you?"

I'll tell you all about the Tower, hear the echoes and so on And all for ten paise

I was thinking whether I the Tower is a hot favourite should raise it to fifteen, as I was having the extraordinary inpulse to haggle backwards in who was breathing on my neck this place. But the tangawalla all the time, to take me back to interrupted, "The gentleman the Hostlery of the One Room, can look for himself and hear to which he consented reluctantfor sundry information, he spend at least a day and a night does he? Come on

And we went in. The guide the tangawalla looked so crestfallen that I dropped a 10-P com in my wake

touched his cap to me and said, for him, without letting the tangawalla know

Inside the Tower it was like Babel, because all the visitors to Barapur as well as half the lo-'I'd like to be your guide, sir, cals had dropped in for their favourite amusement, and everywho designed and built it, the body was echoing like mad I'd names of the kings and queens, had enough of it at last, havthe best places from which to mg heard myself repeated seventy times seven, and that's a lot for any man, though I don't know with women, with whom

So I asked the tangawalla, for hunself, never mind And as ly, because he expected me to him the coin doesn't want to buy the Tower, in the Tower Even the horse now jogged along listlessly till we reached the inn and I paid the change

NEAL

"I sell black flags I'd like to know the Minister's tentative tout programme

"Fifty paise" he asked, and dulously started feeling his pocket for

"Fifty paise," I repeated, stop-"Fifty paise," I said, handing ping his hand, meaning he could

keep the change "Fifty paise" he asked incre-

"Fifty paise," I said firmly

'Fifty paise?" he repeated

'Fifty paise," I said again and realised that we'd said it about seven times, which was how the Tower affected humans when you'd had too much of it

When I reached the Room, I found that the door had been burst open and everything inside was soaked, the everything being the walls, the floor and my bag "What the devill" I exclanned.

Mercifully, there was no echo "What did you expect" asked the landloid "When we saw smoke billowing out of the room, we had to smash the lock and put out the fire'

"Fire!" I exclaimed some more

"Yes Did you perhaps drop a burning bidi on the heap of paper in the corner?"

I hadn't, but remembered I'd lit a bunch of incense sticks and stuck them in the walls as is my habit to get rid of the bad smell in strange places I was however more put out to find that somebody had broken open my bag too, and had scrupulously put back everything. There were thieves in Barapaur of course, but their conscience made them think seven times before they perpetrated evil.

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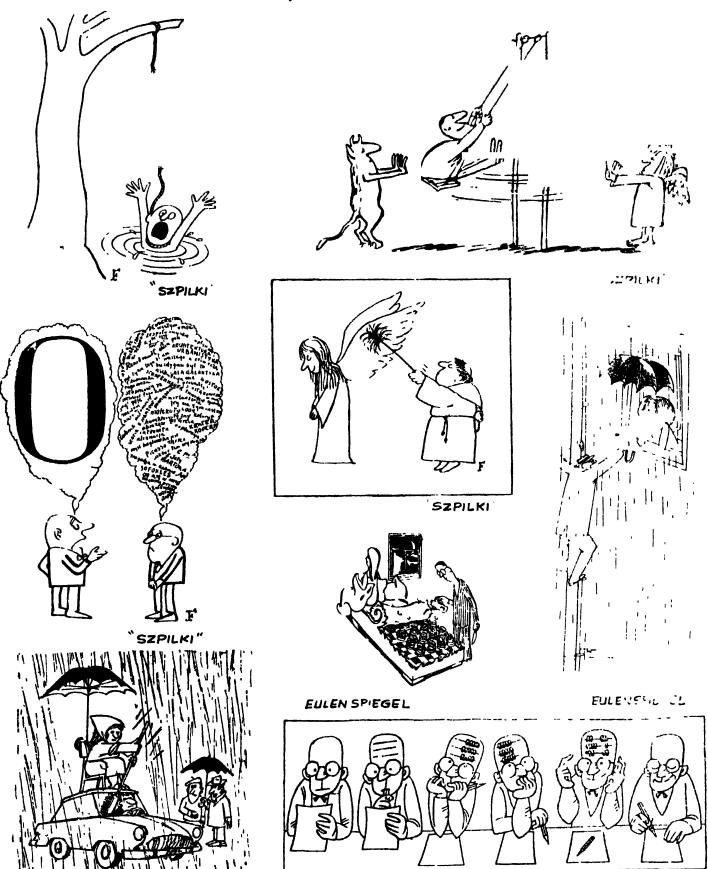




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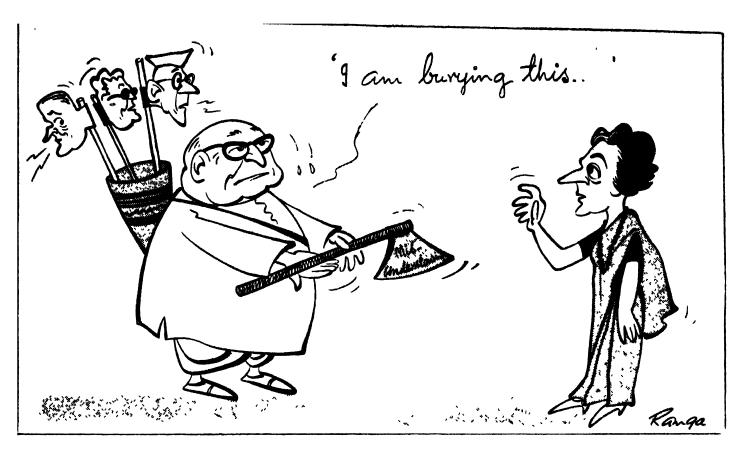
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One nation: One people

"There is so much in common between people in the same State, under the same flag and owing undivided allegiance to it... that those who believe in India as a nation can have no minority or majority question. All are entitled to equal privileges, equal treatment... The state of our conception must be a secular, democratic state, having perfect harmony between different units."

—Mahatma Gandhi.



Mr Nijahngappa had a meeting with the Prime Minister

Books, Uniforms, Banks, et al

She goes to school these days

too

That is the best thing is it not the early worm that marked page Lots of columns

She is cute and well-organised with cheerfulness. It travels gets rubbed out? Come on These accounting people are

No rumning nose No soiled Time to get down Waited for don't discredit old savings clever. Hard to beat them trock Know what she wants the bus to stop fully Pave- they are good Distilled when it comes to parallel lines and gets it Instantly, or else ments can be slippen. Got wisdom. The man who said and lefty figures. But they so wanted her books and um- down. Almost Not quite that should have been a bird never get lost. As I said they worm-eating clever. Accountman looked at least large worm-eating clever. Accountman looked at buy them. A world of diffe- squarely land on the pavement that buzz arreaft at Santa chummy look and a smile to rence between what was want- Conductor getting less courcillated and what I had So thought teems Griming too. Anyhow Haven't seen a man who loves Rounded up my requirement to bank to come too. she might soil her dress Will take her to Park in the evening. Not now She

Waited for the bus full But redder. The rains Economics is for knowledgeable 'As I said the monsoon soils men and their bright sons little girls and cleans big, red Chairs behind the counters are

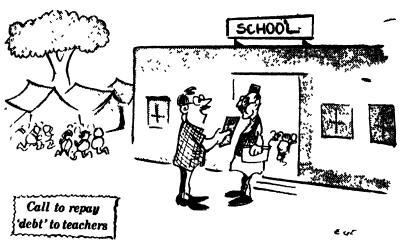
books and uniform badly and courtons. I felt cheerful Early bird gets the worm. And ledger and selected a new, un lated how much is needed to lurched forward before I could birds. Not them big vultures me. Important look. Not that I will get some money from my managed to keep balance and worms either The little girl wanted dignity. Heart thumping away Told her that like nobody's business You The don't get down from hasty ed my smile Opened his bag when you'll need it. Sound buses everyday

my Hope they save a lot too A stout ruler followed But today the bus is not so be a way. Don't know myself

My counterman came Ignor and took out two hi-volume principle. Accountman stared pens. Red and blue, I guessed at the cheque front and back agreed Little girls understand Lot of people in the bank Or red and blue-black Or red Slapped the cheque on the Not little boys. They confuse Earning a lot and spending a and black. Not so sure of my counter. No signature on the things by arguing University lot. Signs of a healthy econo-guess now. Anyway, two pens. back. Sign it. Won't say he The But how can they earn, spend membered my school days used to be Forget it People big, red bus. Full of people and save a lot? There should when one learned. Better with do get moody. Adjustment is a tuler Unpleasant thought the word There goes my nul-Have pleasant thoughts hon dollar signature. Please Thoughts make a man Thought Nixon Talk in dollars and get I saw a red flag or the like wheat Very diplomatic

THE little gul wanted her buses Conductor is cheerful empty. Guess Im a bit early. But he kept it under the big the next tenner and wrote out the cheque Always keep some estra dough Can never say Re- was very friendly. But he

thoughts Expert fingers deftly shuffling through big pages, There it is Page 79 name in a big flowing hand Names are great to see Especially my own Yours too, I guess when you are the man who is looking it it. Cheque cam back. The balance will be only Rs 89.98 if I draw the money Can't allow The minimum I was reminded is Rs 100 and not Rs 89.95 Now is the time to use your public relation techniques. Public relations can get you anywhere Brought only one leaf No place on the cheque to alter the amount. Will pay the defi-cit tomorrow. All with a disarming smile Accountman gave a governmental stare. They learn fast, all right. This afternoon they are going on a not make out the logic There should be some logic some-Agent strike



In response to the Minister's call I've come to repay the two rupees I borrowed from you twenty years ago'

strike. Licky I was not given customers had then, abnormal teaming up with an Engineer is the next best thing to bus the eash today itself Sounded ways, I read between the lines Handsome downy but better Cabby in high spirits as if he didn't trust me with Now we are government ser- buy a megaphone to community about the strikes. Bankmen my own money. Saved me the vants. We go on a strike this cate those sweet nothings since and Busmen. Nice people

Indefinite, I believe Adamant chaps Some long- particular Makes you happy Acting Agent is very strict standing clerk got dismissed Rules he folled his tongue with like a munister of is it the other. Outside lot of lornes and cars telish, are rules. Minimum way found? Don't know I but no bus. Even a Honda

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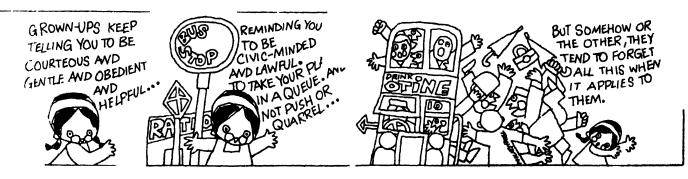
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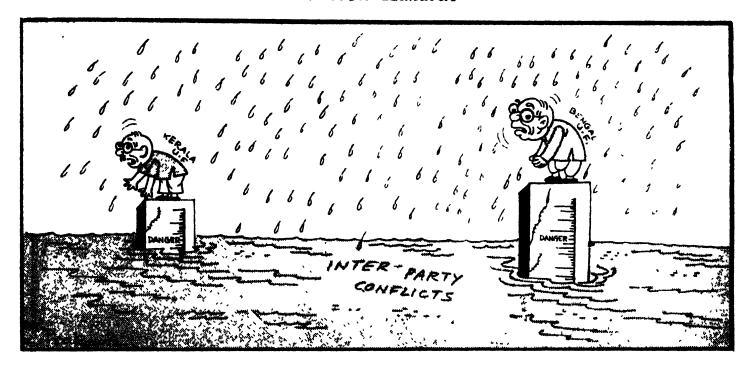
Little gul was waiting As Nationalisation, of course I guess it compensates. These I said, cute and well-organised May find it with the That was in the papers some ads give me a lift and restore Explained to her in an endite manner Treat them like adults Original Agent already on ed for the moon and got it, and brides and bridegrooms in No money No books No uniform Showed unusual resistance Come to think of it little guls also don't understand They argue Tried to give her a governmental stare Shouted she need not go to school Lattle gul smiled "You look like a morchha leader'

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Monsoon Hazards



The differences in both the Kerala and the W. Bengal united fronts are deepening

Clubs are not trumps

of the Shanti Club No one and was doubtless well patroset, but very often one, two, or cemented patch. The young could say exactly why Some mised in the early days of the sometimes all four players workers—mostly employees of believed it was named as such club. Now, however, the fact would drop out after the first firms, among whom I was one—by the founder in the fond hope that it had been a tennis court or second game to give some attended regularly for the same that under this name it would once was evidenced only by the waiting friends a chance to reason and in addition for the quarrels among the organisers held the tennis net and which to be among the first twelve on were members and could be that were the bane of most now stood rusting, firmly em-the register, you could general-met on the premises It was getubs Others were of the opi-bedded in the concrete Tennis by manage at least one game on negally agreed that there was no mon that it was named after the was no longer a game the mem- most evenings. Young college- better way to advancement up a founder's wife. I myself held bers could afford The cement-going girls of the neighbourhood firm's ladder than by impressing the latter opinion. I could not ed patch was now marked out formed more than half of the the boss off duty with your sothe resources to found a club most popular activity of the a very hard-hearted male play- capabilities, an expert know-would be so naive as to hold club for the younger set, bad- cr who could resist the entrea- ledge of all card games, partithe former view.

The club building was singlestoreyed and consisted of a central large hall with smaller 100ms posed to enter your name in a opening into it on either side register kept in one of the card side rooms except one, which that came the next four persons fair-sized membership

To get a game you were supmeetings and an occasional tered were entitled to play the dance or dramatic show. All the first set of three games. After

house It went by the odd name had been laid out on the side four on the register started a flourished and obbed on that be free from the bickenings and short steel uprights that had play, so that if you were late reason that their firms' bosses believe that anyone who had for badminton and it was the players and it would have to be cial capabilities. Among these minton being the only outdoor ties of these fair enthusiasts as cularly bridge, was considered—game offered by the club—they stood on the side, as a game—next to being friendly with the proceeded, begging to be allow hoss's daughter-as the most imed to come in for the next game portant. I hated all card games,

The central hall was used for rooms. The first four names en- in the area were members of taught me that it was better the club as it was the only club to keep away from the bridge in the area and it thus had a tables than to be at one of them was the bar, were card rooms, and so on As the court was not young students came to the with my own cars heard players The building faced the road and lit, it was seldom that more than club mainly for the badminton who had made a wrong hid or was set in one corner of the three sets could be played on it provided, not so much for had played a wrong hand being spacious ground on which it was any one evening and thus not their love of the game, as for torn to threds in the inevitable constructed, so that a narrow more than twieve persons could the chance it offered them post morter of the game

THE club was a mere two targe area on one side An am- game. In practice, however, it posite sex Many were the rominutes walk from my bitious, cemented tennis court worked differently. The first mances which blossomed and particularly budge. My short ex-Most of the families residing perience in the club had already The as an indifferent player I had strip was left in front and a normally be expected to get a to meet the members of the op-made me shudder to think that I might be one of them if I tried place. This brought a storm of my hand at the game Woe be-tide the jumor who made a wrong move at his own boss's table I had decided for my own the gul m a shrill voice from dash up my firm's ladder to achieve the highest qualification of all I was getting friend, the not of asperity. How can Is with my boss's daughter

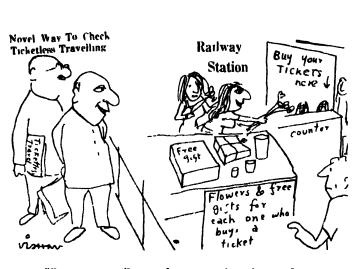
I was playing my second game of badminton that evenmg when Kanta arriver 1 had ground. What she saw in me that I should have had the privilege of her special favours I do not know What I saw in her was what everyone saw. She was slummer than most girls. In fact, on to the court next to Romesh she was almost everything more than most girls. She was stunbadminton court swinging her racket it was impossible to do anything but look at her The game I was playing stopped My male opponent and I could not proceed because our eyes became rivetted on her Our female partners could not proceed because they began to vie with each other in cooming the most endearing greetings to her while their eyes flashed hate at us for not ignoring her secret and my partner immediately offered to leave the court so that Kanta could play as my partner At the same time my

"Dont be silly, Romesh!" said which she could not keep out you have two girls on one side in a mixed game?" Then seeing the look of admiration with which Romesh continued to been introduced to her about gaze at Kanta, she walked off four months ago and the bad- the court, saving sullenly 'I'm minton court was our meeting feeling too exhausted to play any more anyway, so Kanta may assavell take my place"

Kanta protested but the girl taller than most girls, fan and was adamant, so Kanta stepped

"Shall we start the game from ning Now as she came up to the the beginning?" She suggested in her lovely controlto voice

not care one way or another



"Pussengers will now be tempted to buy tickets"



' Fudenty there is a mistake because employment exchanges uere told we give temporary parking only to officials

My partner would have ob- Leela's whispered comment that ghter's chin looked at her eye. I jected I know, but seeing she we had no chance, but when could not hear what they said, would be out-voted by Romesh the game started, I was spurred but I saw Kanta pointing in my and me she shrugged her by my male vanity to make a direction After a few words the shoulders to express that she did good showing in front of Kanta boss left her to proceed out of My partner was spuried by an the gate with Romesh and drove Romesh was an excellent play- instinct as old as woman her- into the club. As he went past, er Kanta and my partner, Leela, self. The result was that, good the look he darted at me conkept a reason bly good standard as Romesh and Kanta were, vinced me that there were more My fondness for her was no of play I was just average, they had a hard time keeping ways of crashing down the firm's With Kanta fresh to the game up with us. There was much ladder than making a mistake while my partner and I were more than just skill that we put at cards somewhat exhausted from the into our play. You could call it male opponent called out gal. previous game which had been savagery if you like and you lantly requesting her to take his quite a fast one. I agreed with would not be far wrong, because the game was brought to a close before it had finished when a particularly vicious smash by me landed the shuttle-cock on Kanta's eye and at the same time Leela's tacket. shipping accidentally from her hand, bit Romesh on the elbow and they walked off the court, Kanta holding a hand over her injured eye and Romesh nursing his elbow

> Kanta merely said "Come, Romesh" and they both walked out of the club. I could hear Kanta calling me, among other things, an unmannerly brute, as she went. They were just passing through the gate on to the road when her father, my boss, was coming in in his car He stopped and lifting up his dau-

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Editor

FOR those who take Bihar to be the place of floods, draught or famine, Rahgir puts the record straight. The Bihar we see here—the hamlets by the riverside-is the picture of plenty, with lush green fields, ripe old village folk and fetching belles. Then the irony of this film about rural folk in feudal bonds is that the sophisticated Bengali team of Hemant Kumar and Tarun Majumdar should be responsible for its production, Probably they know best where the zamindar-shoe pinches.

Set in idyllic countryside sor roundings, Rahgir (traveller) is always on the move. Not for him the trappings of the idle rich. Born in opulence this man has a simple heart, likes to move about and mingle with the rusties and sing and dance his way as freely as the bird. Yet there is a subtle craving for love He is in search of something (perhaps mother's love denied), and during that search experiences This is pilgrim's progress with purpose not defined. The tragedy of this ever-wandering entity is that at every stage when there is hope of love, he moves away or the person who could redeem him is removed from the scene And so despite ın death

This unusual theme requires more than ordinary handling. Diector Tarun Majumdar has airinged the sequences paniswith Rahgii and the laving Nau- 'cabaict' number (backdrop- yor-belt kit, etc. A computer is tanki players. Some situations like the one when Rahgir (Biswant) explains his love to Gulah (Shashikala) have a sudden ruthlessness They have their own impact For once Biswajit is not his own usual Bombay type. His is a remarkably sustained performance. Music by Hemant Kumar is earthly and hence pleasing. Gulzar as the scriptwriter and lyricist has done a good job. It would, however, have been wiser to have shortened the footage. Yet, this film with its abstract orientation is one that comes rarely, thereby reviving dwindling hopes in us of a sensible saga of Indian cinema.

"Chanda Aur Bijli"

THE title, if one goes by Bombay standards, would suggest two tiny tots growing up together, getting separated for

FILMS—

some tune (say, by fifteen thou- aquadancing) when a particular and decides the story. In the you are in for dyspepsial we will do better next time. process, however, Dickens comes "The biggest bundle of them all" You wonder whether that apin for severe thrashing

Padinini, as Bijh, provides million-dollar worth platinum. The makers of the film intend-high-voltage sex and seems to consignment. There is building ed to do a saure on gangsterspecialize in bathing scenes by blithering blockheads all the ism It does not even succeed in her voluptuousness well within Professor, the mastermind, the amusing to see Edward G R the frame and by the time the boss Italiano (Vittorio de Sica) do the twist. Vittorio de Sica is bathing beauty is ready for pre- with a record of his own, an the perfect boss and shows how has flown There are dances in cal-music chap of enormous size cative in a sultry style. We do land-and-skyscapes can be par- worned about wife and kids consequential, the some and forticularly unattractive Jeewan (plenty) at home Of course, gettable films.

15 the bad guy, and a crip- there is Racquel Welch to prothe fact he leaves behind a son, ments. We like the hero Sanjiv them all. he is lonely in life and lonely Kumar (who looks like an overjacket in that Bombay weather, the train hold-up by these no-downing 'Patialas' neat and goods in the most leisurely way breaking into houses, Clean life, but using sophisticated gadgetstakingly and we travel along that! There is a very suggestive tanks, grenades, portable conve-

sand feet of film) and then re- cove claws at the girl much to uniting as man and wife But the discomfiture of both the tuner Once again the meander-here in this film the average parties. Good showing for a U mg Towards the end there is film-goer is wrong. The Freu-cert, The Padmini-Sanjiv godian complex is more complex ings-on could form an appendix hot on the heels of the crooks. here Of course, there is 'pyaar' to the Khosla Committee report between Chanda and Bijli: but When they clasp each other and

This tells how to steal a five- plies to the film also.

The camera struggles to keep way. The crew consists of a raising a few chuckles. It is sentation to the public, notwith- American sticker-up with the a suave crook should behave. standing the villain peering heart for big business but no Recquel Welch discovers her-through shutters, much water brains for it, a Coloured classi self often and tries to be provo-Juhu, on the ramparts of the the can't say boo to a lamb), a not think she makes the grade. Ilyway and the Gateway of gourmet of odd proportions, Ultimately it boils down to this. India, showing how Bombay and a Cockney driver always Hollywood can make such inple at that He maintains a vide the female element in full school of hoodlum apprentices form. She is the biggest "bunwith pick-a-pocket-a-day assign- dal" (provenance-Bombay) of

aged member of the Comex and the same pace is kept prelide and as background rais group) going about in a leather throughout Witness for instance,

a hurry. You start yawning Enter Prof Edward G. Robinson. You wake up and watch the oldsome action when the Interpol is

what is missing.

Director Annakin is never in

The crew takes off with the loot ın a bomber (American warthat is the 'pyaar' of a 'Mausi' go down in a 'dip' shot, there junk, who else provides them?) for her 'Beta' She has otherwise was comment from a Buddha in and when they are up in the air her own man for the real kind of the stalls 'Bol Ganga Mar ki the homb-sleeves open, showerfilmi 'pyaar.'-That is Sanjiv Her Jai' That about describes the ing I't laminae on the purlove for Chanda proves stronger proceedings Weaklings beware, suers The boss says don't worry,

"Whom The Gods Wish To De troy"

Wagner ("The Ring of the Nibelung'?) in "full stereophonic sound" in a long and sustained ed expectation about this MCM German picture but after Seigfried's trick-photographed feats wiesting the Nibelungen treasure from its supernatural guardians and after his Icelandic adventure, the pleasant gimmickry yielded to tedious court intrigues, passions and vendetta. Seighted of course was vulnerable and was ambushed and killed by the general conspiring with the weaking king (of Burgandia?) for whom he not only won the queen of Iceland as consort but unclasped her magic girdle, too, using his magic power to become mysible The lust for the treasure and the vows of revenge by Siegfried's wife (the king's sister) take the story to the final blood bath in the grand style of Hollywoodian spectacle But when Attıla came on, we were at a loss to know where the line between legendary epic and history was to be drawn What stood out was the splendid camera work taking in a sweep both gorgoous nature and colourful group scenes.



Padmini, Sachin

Running the Capital

JAG PRAVESH CHANDRA DELIHI A Political Study. Metro- py Though Delhi enjoyed less sessed with abundance of autonomy than its Pait-C sis- knowledge and wisdom") also politan Books, Della 1969 (pp 135, Price Rs 15/-)

ning the capital itself continues cival Spear "confirms," it seems, to be a big problem. Give as that "the earliest knowledge we much autonomy to the capital as have of Delhi is only of the to other States, and the Centic epic period of Hindu India" (P will find no 100m, when neces 12) sity arises, to withdraw its CŘP to Give less, and its the sub-title is quite apposite.

THE whole country is run is not earlier than the Mahafrom the capital, but run- bharata days because Mr. Per-

denizers feel hurt that their countrymen arrive presently at propensity to politick is not fully. Delhi though it was only in this met The problem of administ centery that the imperial capitrative set-up of the capital is tal was shifted there from Calless autonomy than other Union. Chairman of the latter becomat the bottom political, and so cutta. Ever since, its autonomy territories. The pain was made ing 'Mayor' for ceremonal fun-The first chairman of the clamoured for "responsible self- feels that the SRC had obvi- pleads for two Since ARC has Delhi Metropolitan Council, Mr. government, not granted to it ously "forgotten" then Laski who Chandra is also an author with by the 1919 and 1935 Acts 18 works to his credit. He has After the British left, it was dom in small self-governing or the other on the Metropolithus the background to write on fashionable to generally grant groups is the first condition of a tan Council without a further the set-up of Delli, but this is demands for responsible self- genuine democracy" (p. 48). a disappointing book, obviously government. In the case of written in haste. The relevance Delhi this was done in the of the historical introduction Part-C way in 1952, with an then struggle, and finally got in ther study itself and recomend seems little, those 24 pages in Assembly, a Council of Minis- 1966 the present Metropolitan for the two Deputy Mayors Mr which dynasty after dynasty ters and, of course, a Chief Mr. Council which alas! proved to Chandra desires! rises and falls. The starting point mister. The Delhi-tes were hap- be toothless. The A.R.C. ("pos-

ters, we

But the good things of life are scarcely allowed to continue. Anyway Mr Percival Spear's Come SRC, and Part-C states were a goner Umon territory and the cause of that the Metropolitan Council pain was that it was given even may have real powers, the had been less than of other acute because there were to be ctions. What about Députy states Its dissatisfied citizens no more Ministers. The author Mayor, asks Mi Chandia, and Ind down that "responsible free- premature to conclude one way

abundance of have it on Mr. said that the Metropolitan Chandra's authority that the Council "did not bring satisfacstate government "did much to tion to all concerned" (p. 59). promote public good" (p 48)— Mr Chandra generally agrees in the tradition of good old Kings of Delhi good or the A. R C Report just the same.

One important recommendation of the A.R.C. is to abolish Delhi became the Municipal Corporation so already opined that it may be enume democracy" (p 48). study at a later stage, it is just likely that ARC, would live So the Delhi-tes continued long enough to make that fur-

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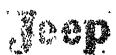




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 - (d) Each competitor may submit upto six entries

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FREE THINKING

THE Left in India was never a serious factor Mirror-gazing Narcissists, its leaders are in the last stages of a mental decline that began when Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru gave a socialist orientation to the Congress Party over forty years ago Mrs Indira Gandhi's desporate gamble in the form of the nationalisation of fourteen major banks has only served to fur-ther confuse and rattle the so-called "real" Leftists, among whom must be included the two communist parties and the SSP They are presently at one another's throats. If the dedicated anti-socialist forces under the command of the Syndicate were not so ignorant of political processes, they should be happy that Mrs Gandhi has turned the tables on their behalf without inviting any charge of collusion with vested interests

For instance, the Union government is now credited with more progressivism than the governments of West Bengal and Kerala which are run in the main by the Left Communists While the latter have been going round saying that they cannot bring much improvement in the life of the people as long as the present Constitution operates, Mrs. Gandhi has shown that within the Constitutional limits she can do something. What is more, she has been able to use the Left to batter down the Syndicate and her personal rivals within the Congress. This is political skill of a high order and is the kind of thing that the amateurs of the Left cannot hope to acquire.

Each Leftist party today is broken into factions sometimes based on ideological differences but more often because of personal rivalries. Tub-thumpers most of them, they are inhibited by their petit-bourgeois background and training from making any substantial contribution to socialist thought and processes. The Left in India does not count for anything any more Even the populist cant on which they made capital has been taken over by Mrs Gandhi. The best exponents of paper socialism today are not the "theoretical" journals of the Left but the handoubts of the Press Information

A thoroughly disorganised Left, an aggressive and wounding Right and a weak, groping Centre, forever trying to play off one against the other to perpetuate itself in power makes for an explosive political situation Emotive words get debased and become empty slogans. The bureaucracy is expected to do what it cannot by its nature-be the instrument of social change.

The Prime Minister has gone around saying that 95 per cent of the people support her policy on bank nationalisation Perhaps they do but political processes are not directed by unorganised people, whatever opinions they may hold and however large in numbers. Mrs. Gandhi has helped to undermine the Left further without swinging organised sections of the people behind her government. This leaves a vacuum which neither liberals nor socialists nor democrats can fill.

The Man of the Week

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PLEASE TURN OVER FOR PEN PORTRAIT

The Man of the Week

NOTHING in political antics has been so bizarre in recent times as U Nu's usking for American dollars 'o organise a 'revolution in Burma and topple General Ne Win's government The United States is no more interested in democracii than the Societ Umon in socialism Perhaps U Nu does not know the changes that have occurred in international affairs because of his long years of imprison-ment U Nu's exercise is as meaningless as Egyptian asking communists Societ Union to influence President Nasser to introduce Marxist socialism in the United Arab Republic

But, for all that, U Nu deserves public sympathy A comrade-in-arms of Gen Aung San who is sanctified as the father of the Burmese nation, he was Prime Minister at a time when Asia was beginning to exert pressure on the West for a fair share of political power and the world's goods movement disinfegrated soon after Bandung and Asian co. operation was soon replaced by Asian rically Left to then oun devices, the smaller Asian countries either were cornered by the United States or drifted into confusion and chaos

This was what happened to Burna Unable to unify the nation and give the people a sense of national pin-pose, Burma began breakmg up into tribal regions VNu had to step down The democratic process was suspended and martial rule was substituted It is nou pointless to cry like U Nu that Burma is a military dictatorship Without a dyna mic leadership there can be no satisfactory government in under-developed nations U Nu m his sixties now, cannot hope to rebuild a new Burma not even a Nu Burma Whatever clements that may eventually displace Ne Win are probably now in the jungles of the Arakan Yoma or in the Shan plateau They cannot be found in Washing. ton and New York, in any case

Desultory Dialogues

I'll was the meeting at Poking Vietnam is lost. arrout between Alexei Kosy gin and Chou En-lai

K Hello

C Oh, hello

K I was passing by and thought I would drop in to say

C I was on my way to Shanghar When I heard your plane would stop over here I thought I might reach the airport a little earlier and see that you are well looked after during the stop-

K, Very nice, thank you Cayou are welcome

K. I notice several changes at the airport

C Yes, it has been enlarged hea and partly renovated. Our air times during the last twenty vears We have both internal and external flights. We have the fastest planes in the world

K That's a very large portrait over there

C That's Chairman Mao It is the largest portrait in the world It is a constant guide to pilots. We have now dispensed with radar Our pilots are guided by Chairman Mao's thoughts

K How nice

C It is more than nice.

K. I agree with you it is more than mee

C But like the impenalists and the revisionists we don't like to blow our own trumpet Safe landing of planes is a comdon't talk about it. We dont't even say it is nice. We don't like such tongue-in-the-check complunents

K That's what we tell tho plitters

C By the way how is everybody in Moscow? I am sorry about your economy. I hear it is tottering

ready over-reached the 1975 tar- journey. Byel get for JCBMs. We are now concentrating on nuclear subma-

C That's how the imperialists boast of their economy. But it is met the Prime Minister. a war machine. The moment the revolutionary war is on, the to find out about your health. whole thing collapses like a pii. I hope the holiday has done cked balloon

K Yes, I agree that is the case with the imperialists. See how thinking of enquiring after your the economy of the US is in health I heard you were not doldrums because the war in well.

C But the revisionists are ssure. helping the imperialists and supplying startegic material to them

K. Not at all On the other hand, the splitters are impeding supplies to the Vietnamese people. I was in Hanoi two days ago and have seen it with my low own eyes

C I was there earlier. I gathered that the imperialists do high. not bomb the supplies from their collaborators, the revisionists They only attack the revolutionary supplies That's what Chair-

man Mao also said.

K Oh, by the way, how is

C He is fine He wants to traffic has increased a million swim the Yangtse again this winter

K. Good

C But there are crocodiles in

K That's bad

C But crocodiles are paper tigers

K. I see.

C Do you have crocodiles in the Soviet Union? We have the largest of the species (after a pause) By the way, I hear and then landings are perfect, you went to Calcutta

K Yes, I passed through both New Delhi and Calcutta.

C Awful places both of them, crawling with imperialists and their vassals. I hope you didn't meet renegade Dange

K I met fyoti Basu

C He is worse because he mouplace occurrence for us Wo calls himself a Maixist. Millions of Indian people are now on the march with Mao's thoughts on their lips To counteract them the reactionary Indian Covernment nationalised the banks

> K. Nationalisation of banks was a good step

C. Not when it is done by a reactionary government. Now it K Not at all We have all is tune for you to resume your

K Good-bye!

When the Congress President

Nijalingappa Indiraji, I came good to you.

Mrs. C: Yes, thank you. I was

N: Yes, I had low blood pre-

Mrs. G: Low?

N. Yes, not high.

Mrs. G No, I didn't say high. N: No, you said low.

Mrs. G. But you also said

N: Yes, I said low and meant

Mrs. G. Naturally, wouldn't say low and mean it

N Believe me, I was always thinking of low blood pressure and said low blood pressure.

Mrs G That's how I heard it. N Then, why should you disbelieve it?

Mrs. C. Who said I disbelieved it?

N. I didn't say it,

Mrs G: Bangalore is cool enough

N Delhi climate does not suit me

Mrs G Especially these days when it is sultry

N I am used to sultry weather

Mis G I don't like it, It makes one sweat.

N Yes, it is an uncomfortable feeling So I am glad you are all

Mrs. G I was happy to hear the holiday has done you good

N It was not much of a holiday but it was good.

Mrs G. Thank you N Thanks.

GS.

Odd Signs-

At Sanialkot Railway Station, S C Railway.

Temporary gents and general ladies waiting room.

At the back of an I.I.T. bus, Madras

Overtakers beware of undertakers.

On the road to Pashan (Khadakvasla) from Poona:

Accidents not allowed on this road.

Note: Items for Odd Signs' should be factual and not invented and should as far as possible be in facsimile. Senders will receive two consecutive issues of the Weekly for every tem published.—Ed., S.W.



The time has come to end this war (in Vietnam) -US. President Nixon

Swatantra – Jana Sangh Catechism

UT HAT are the dangers to the country?

China, Russia, Eastern Europe, Left Communists, Right nationalised banks which are meciacy, of course These peo-Communists, Socialists and Mrs. Communists, Socialists and Mrs. Indira Gandhi. The Jana Sangh would add, Pakistan

Why are these dangers?

China perfidiously attacked us in 1962 when she should have, Muslims in India who are tor, feel that communist nations in the best parliamentary tradi-friendly to Pakistan are uso are friends instead of enemies, tion, given us notice. She will facto potentially anti-Indian, and never refuse invitations to attack us again because once a country has attacked, it will go on doing that of sheer habit Russia wants to control our economy, kill off the private sector and run Iudian Airlines with their aircraft This is domination of the Czech variety. The Left Communists are out to wreck the Constitution which is sacred and unchangeable. The Right Communists are waiting for an opportunity to buy aircraft from Russia and stop the operation of Boeing and Doug-

greatest heve in democracy wise, democrats do not believe tor, revel in the political game in socialism Mrs Candhi has within the four corners of de-Also she dishkes cartoonists another group which attacks Congress President himself has without whom there will be no forward-looking freedom of the Press

if it is a straight choice between people Pakistan and say communism they will plump for the former because communists are godless and therefore without morality

Is the Congress an acceptable party?

Contrari- States, support the private see- chaos and so usher in commu businessmen who invest and produce wealth, The Jana Sangh will add that uphold weak and losing units. while it is a secular party, the want to expand the public sec-Therefore there are two ways visit socialist nations. With these open to us Watch both with an people we cannot have any unblinking eye But, of coinse, truck They are unlike-inimded

The Jana Saugh would like to add that while some Congressmen are sound nationalists who do not believe in any nonsese about minorities, Harijans and such-like special categories, there are others who are so That depends. There are communal that they are always many Congressmen who have playing up the so-called suffertheir right approach. They are ings of these sections Actually, like-minded, abbor communists, the game is to break national that each man must have the

nism of either the Russian or the Chinese variety Such Congressmen are a danger and very often they are infiltrators as the uggested

Is there any other criterion to distinguish good Congressmen from bad?

Yes, there is The attitude to privy purses is one such test The privy purses have been granted under covenant and are sacred and unchangeable Even if the country goes bankrupt and people are starying, democracy and the rule of law demand that puvy puises are paid in full Those who attack this are obviously communists

Do you believe in economic equality?

Certamly we do We believe las. The Socialists do not be- hate China, adore the United unity, bring about political fullest scope for work and

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richest sections affluent because it has more cated. millionaires than any other country It must be our en- Would this not be unconstitudeavour to have as many milhonaucs here too

What about taxes?

Taxes are a necessary evil. But the present communist method of taxation penalties the people who use their industrial and business initiative This is very unfan Taxes are meant for building roads and hospitals and schools and other public amenates. These are pationised more by common people than the rich. It is only right then that the former should pay for these

The Jana Saugh would like to add that shopkeepers, contractors, usurers and others should not be persecuted with heavy taxes. They are doing useful nation-building activities and should be allowed to carry on their business unhampered

communist parties?

They should all be banned They are not Indian They represent the interests of foreign standards, the Negroes are donations which want to subvert ing well

should carn as much as he can. us and keep us under their ds. At the top level this is partimination. Freedom is precious to cularly true because a country's us. So all communist parties

tional?

How can that be? Communist parties do not believe in the protection, then? They do not believe in democracy and elections Why should they be given facilities to contest?

What about other socialist partics?

Some of them are all right The PSP, for instance, is a good party that believes that the best way to bring in socialism is to have American economic meas- You've others better suited ures enforced in the country. For Bombay-Delhi barter, This is really progressive

What about colour in the United States

This is greatly exaggerated by communist propaganda. What about Tibet where the



"There was difference of opinion between them as to who thought first of ucaning us away from violence

The Beggar's complaint

("The Delhi Administration has accepted in principle the wealth is directly related to its should be banned, and the pro- Maharashtra Government's proposal for the exchange of begans America is perties of communists confis- to their respective States." - Press Report)

> TTS here I have begged for Those who cheat and years,

Ere me, my father, Eking out a meagre living On the streets of Dadar.

Constitution. Why give them its I've loved your roads and Infest the Flora Fountain,

Your stately palms -And blessed each Bombaywallah

Who gave me alms

I haven't picked your pockets, Nor tapped your toddy, So why exchange one hungry

With equally hungry body?

counterfeit

(Lave happily ever after)

Float non-existent companies, Sell bogus shares, alleys, Tax-dodging millionaires.

> Let those who beg in Delhi Prosper in that land, Give us this day our daily 'bhel' And Juhu's sand

> Though in the last analysis Beggais can't be choosers, Why send away your sober men And get up-country boozers?

> > HR.L

uou do?

We shall build up the country What should be done to the people are not allowed to live by giving facilities to every man will be given guitars and taught peacefully under the various to start his own business as a laws, where coercion is used to subsidiary of a big industry. They will be given free tours in educate pc ple, etc? What After all, the economy of scale luxury ships. They will be trainabout Czechoslovakia? By those is imperative. Then we shall give farmers larger farms so that they can make more money than now Then we shall lower lery and taught to frug and jerk the taxes for the people in the upper income brackets we shall get additional PL 480 foodgrains so that there need be no land reforms. We shall not produce steel, fertilisers, machine tools, antibiotics, oil, petro-chemicals, but buy them from friendly countries.

> consumer industries toothpaste, soap, cloth, transisitems will be produced so that object in the country is the cow. people are kept happy. We shall lower prices until there is shortage and then we will increase the prices until there is a glut. This is the perfect market eco-

papers that go outside these end fundamentals will be banned Same goes for radio No sub-

If you are in power, what will versive opinion will be allowed to be broadcast

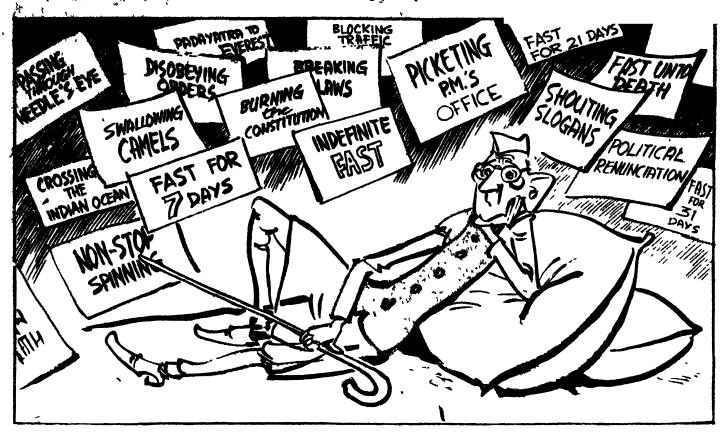
> All young boys in the cities to play the latest Rock hits ed to date girls, dance, etc The girls will be issued free jeans, shirt-waists, cheap tinsel jewelso that they will be able to take Then their place in society.

The Jana Saugh would like to add that all boys and girls will read the Bhagavad Gita compulsorily, observe Janmasatami, and play Holi. They will shave their heads on particular days in the orthodox manner, Instead of these we shall have and girls will not move about More freely along with boys All of them will give in writing that tors, night clubs and luxury they think the most sacred

> Does not this clash with the Swatantra objective

It does not because the Bhagavad Cita can be sung on guitars They can wear any-We shall ban all parties that thing so long as the colour is are not nationalist, that do not yellow in modern dancing, girls share our views. We shall have and boys do not have physical perfect democracav with two contact anyway So there is no political parties which hold the contradiction, no difference We same fundamental views News 10main like-minded to the bitter

AGASTYA



Mr Morarn Desai is considering the form of satyagraha he will undertake

-MERE PRATTLE—

Mr S K Patil has called upon his party men to resolve their differences sitting around the table.—Report And letting him turn it

The Tamil Nadu Govt. will do away with red tapes on files and substitute them with green tapes.—Finance Minister Mathiazhakan.

Which will be the envy of Red-tape

The National Board of School Text Books has recommended the award of doctorates to writers of outstanding text books—Neurs.

The text books racket in the country will meet the challenge in advance with bogus doctorates.

Mr. Nijalingappa's recent tour of U.P was purely private-

So private that he met only the Press!

While bread is very popular in Cochin, it is unable to make any headway in the face of 'iddlis' in Madras.—Mg. Director Modern Bakeries (India) Ltd.

Time to launch Modern Iddlis (India) Ltd

Among causes for the idling of some 10,000 railway wagons daily in August is also the cancellation of spurious registrations—Report.

At least the cancellations need not have been accepted to better statistical results.

The high-level government bureaucrat in the USA (unlike the business executive) is a "mother's boy.'—Dr John II Sims of the University of Chicago quoted by columnist Art Buchwald

His Indian counterpart can be called memsahelis boy

Kamaraj is standing on the burning deck. All others of the syndicate crew, it looks like; are out to get into life boats.— Rapiji in 'Swarajya'

Floating a new syndicate?

A Govt like Singapore's working in a city state will be in possession of ideas which can be translated into practice in India—P Govinda Menon, Union Minister on a 'study tour" of Singapore

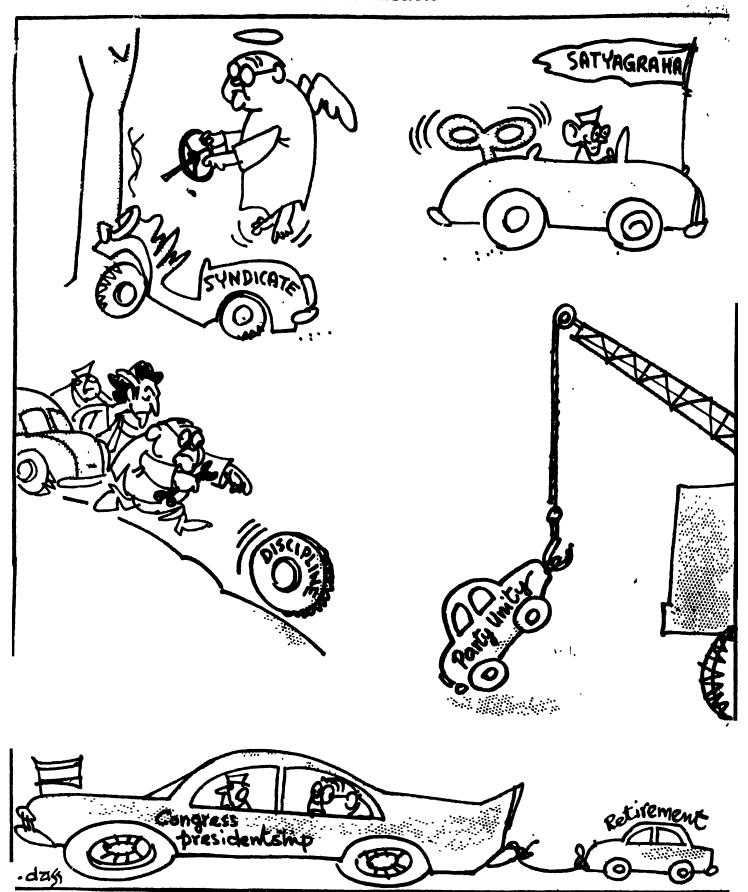
To reduce the latter into several city states

Congressmen are much waser than all the communists of the world put together -S K. Patil.

U.S. Congressmen included?

51 Indian MPs have urged on the Canadian PM not to recognize the Peking regime in the interest of the free world and Commonwealth unity.—Report

Hope they'll allow him freedom of conscience



Mr Nijalingappu said he could produce a small car worth around Rs 8000.-News.



The Peking Visit

r political occasions, took off from ge of launching a pre-emptive ning dog of imperialism, we are attack on China Now, a friended somewhere in the Soviet ly visit is the most unlikely pre- nin. The great Lenin, guided manent settlements For in-Umon, contacted Brezhnev and lude to a pre-emptive strike by the post-dated thoughts of stance, if the Chinese want to flew back again to Peking Of The only possible explanation Mao did call on all communists settle with the Americans it course, it was easier to fly from is that the Soviet Union is to preserve the unity of the Would be most embarrassing if Calcutta, but that might have determined to do things in its Communist International." embarrassed the Indian Govern- own way ment and vitiated the smear campaign conducted by the CPM and the CPI against each other. Why did Kosygin go to Peking? To say that he did so in deference of the last wish of Mao and Khrushchev were poets. But Kosygin is an Economist like K N. Raj or V.K.R.V. Rao and hence it is unlikely that sentimental considerations weighed with him

i act, and in this conclusion we politically all Communists had are supported by the fact that Kosygin looked upon funerals as events to strengthen peace. A similar occasion in New Delhi lai," Kosygm might have said, was used earlier to reassure India that the sale of Soviet arms to Pakistan would not affect the of the Party as the apple of the unbreakable and eternal friendthip between the Soviet and the behest." Indian peoples. According to an American theory, which came

KOSYGIN, with his peculiar out a day before Kosygin's Pek- have replied, "Esteemed and be- ward areas ability to turn funerals into ing visit, Russia was on the ver- loved inodern revisionist run-

thundered against the dogmatists, and even went about doing the Gopak with visiting youth Uncle Ho is to make it all too delegations, all the time sporting sentimental. Uncle Ho, Stalin, a Nehru button next to his Order of Lenin, Kosygin is determined to recapture some of the lost solidarity of the Communist International. Therefore, in his own unsentimental, technocrat fashion, he went to Peking and assured them that whatever hap-So obviously it is a political pened along the military front, to band together.

> "Esteemed comrade Chou En-"the great Lenin, departing from us, adjured us to keep the unity eye. We should carry out this

To this Chou En-lai

There is also a political ex-planation. While Khrushchev trying to achieve a phased disengagement'

> like the Nixon pull-out or the wanted to settle with the Amenumerous two or three day ricans, the Chinese could do all truce periods in Viet Nam, is a rather practical way of finding lity for either side would ultipeace while accepting the reali- mately affect the stability of ty of war. At many points the the Asian region Chinese and the Russians face cach other across the border A kind of shooting war is on or bility to be maintained. And promises to be on To interfere with the shooting war, Kosygin hence, when she achieves nufeels, would be interfering with clear and rocket credibility, military expertise Instead, he would desire much the same would separate the political and thing But back to the separa-Chinese armed forces, or better tion of the political and the mistill, the Warsaw Pact forces and litary disputes. It is, if true, a the Chinese forces, would con- matter of the utmost profundity tinue to confront each other, During the current visit, if this they would agree not to bring separation had taken place, politics in In other words, nei- Kosygin would have broached ther side would accuse the other the subject of a pre-emptive must of being reactionary in the for- trike, which is a purely mili-

Russians could blackmail them "So, Comrade Chou En-lai, let and call them associates of imperialism They could even say that the Thoughts of Mao were supplied not by the Ford Foundation but the John Birch So-The phased disengagement, ciety. Similarly, if the Russians the maligning Such vulnerabi-

> The Soviet Union wants sta-China herself fifteen years

The dismal conversation, along the following lines would yet maint to the political solidarity of the two Communist powers

Beloved, and esteemed comrade Chou En-lar," says Kosyreport in yesterday's papers that the Americans are convinced of a peaceful Soviet nuclear strike on yenr nuclear installations

Esteemed and beloved comlarge character posters. What about it?"

Kosygin tells Chou En-lai a about the proposed pre-emptive bombard the Lop Nor installations while the knocking out

When shall we have it?

Here in this surrealistic recreation of what might have sians make up with the Chinese passed between the two Prime before the americans do the again? Will Mis Gandhi denastill undertake his satyagraha? Ministers, is an illustration of same? Will the Americans restionalise the banks? Will India The protest is bound to become the concept of internationalist talkate on India? Will Pakistan start exporting coffee to North totally confusing While the

tary matter, with Chou En-lai, corcept, that Kosygin makes his appeal.

However, if Chou had succumbed to this appeal, a date would have been fixed for the pre-emptive strike Once the date was fixed and the decision gin, you might have read the taken to let the Soviet Union. strike out Chinese nuclear installations, then the Chinese communists, like good communists, would have to abide by the decision. It is obvious that this Soviet effort to get back rade Kosygm," says Chou En- to those old days of internationlar 'I read it in this morning's all solidarity was frustrated. Wherwise, we would have had the preemptive stake last

Meanwhile, there—is a great strike The Soviet Union would concern in this country over the going on between Moscow and Peking The Prime Minister has was good. Eve or ten years declared that the door is open hence it would be difficult to for talks with China. but she do it. Not that it cannot be done, has demed that this had anybut it would cost more then thing to do with the Kosygm-Chou meeting India has never So what lasks Chou En-lar been influenced by the decisions again Politely, Kosygin re- of the super powers (In fact, nunds Chou En-lar that it is all had India been, our Five-Year about the pre-emptive strike Plans would not have run into difficulties)

What will happen if the Rus-

Assembl Chappa Sandals SHOE SHOP & shees Chappalo

Shoes hurled at Speaker EMPLOYMENT SITUATION IMPROVES

'Cunously enough it improved employment opportunities for shoe-nukers

proletarian solidarity. It is to break away from China and be- Viet Nam? Will the small car Government maintains a delibe-this concept to the faith in this come an American satellite once be made. Will Morarji Desai rate facade of indifference to

the Peking meet, progressive forces in the country are deeply disturbed Comrade Dange, says an unconfirmed report, has insisted that Kosygin went to

Peking neither to explore the possibilities of a preemptive strike not to make amends for the Sino-Soviet feud. Dange reportedly said, 'Kosygin' has no right to say so. We will denounce him if he says he went to Peking to do either of these things He went there, flying to Calcutta, and from Calcutta to an undisclosed Soviet airport

and from there back to Peking, undergoing great strain and interrupting his busy schedule, just to warn Peking. He went there to tick off Mao"

"Did he?"

"He did not Because he could not Mao kept indoors."

PERRY HARRIS

Breach in the bund



UP Congress leadership continues to be divided



Sino-Soviet puzzle

FXCEPT for occasional bits be termed "a crawl to Canossa," logical difference—which have mains to be seen if they can Panchen Lama and the state-balance of military power is in towards a detente on both sides moment there is little to encourments of our heroic MPs want-favour of the Russians and not Discussion on border issues age hopes of an early thaw, even mg to liberate Tibet, the China the Chinese Then why did Mr might pave the way to more if the positions are not further front has been rather neglected Kosygin go. "The obvious ex-long-ranging conversations "It hozen in the coming autumn of late in the national Press beplanation is that this is a propacause of its preoccupation with ganda gambit" It would appear
the power struggle in the Conthat Moscow is really apprehengress Party Mr Kosygin has sive about the border conflict his surprise aiidash to Peking to the provocation is too great, a convince the world by his going throughout the world will acmeet Mr Chou En-lai The GOI pre-emptive Soviet strike against to Peking of the existence of a knowledge the Soviet Governshould thank the Soviet Premier Chinese nuclear installations in for not taking off from Calcutta
the Lop Noi area cannot be
cow's pair. According to it, the
in spite of so many disappoints
traight for Peking without telling us, as that would have been
very embarrassing for our goveriment considering how sensithat is where the Hindustan "psychologically prepared" for a meeting does not lead to the retive our Press and Parhamenta-lians are on such matters (The paper According to it, "A Sino-latest is a memorandum by Soviet military confrontation amount meeting might be to dis-some MPs to the Canadian Pre-could possibly undermine Soviet cuss. Victuam after Ho Ch be that today there is no commier not to recognise China)

Peking, however, has not been this possibility. The Hindustan by that only Vietnam was dis- Mi Kosvgin went to Peking to as easy to interpret as, say, the Times has another original ques-daily polemics in the Russian or tion to suggest it asks if Mos-the Sino-Soviet border tension. En-lar. If the patient Mr. Ko-Chinese Press. In the absence cow is hinting at dropping. The Statesman thinks that it is sygin was not able to get any of any illumination from either Brezhnev's plan for collective not impossible that Kosygin re-kind of an assurance from the Moscow or Peking on what act- security for Asia "as a logical newed suggestions for talks on Chinese Prime Minister that ually transpired in the airport corollary to an understanding the border disputes. He might there would be an end to Peksummit talks at Peking, and with Peking' even more in view of the statement that the talks were could not forecast

dailies, the view strongly held by some is that Mr Kosygin's trip to Peking was mainly a propaganda move to convince the world, or more specifically the is genuine. It perhaps also suits some in this country to believe that the Chou-Kosygin meeting could have no more than such is not explained why, if it was a propaganda move by Mr Koboth sides?

Kosygin's rush to Peking cannot diate anxiety to iron out ideo-

about the whereabouts of for the simple reason that the probably prompted the move embark on negotiations "At the Mr Kosygin's surprise visit to in Moscow is taken as proof of

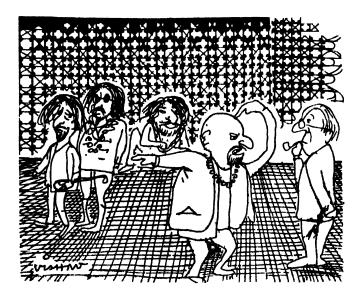
The Amuta Bazar Patrika also 'useful,' our China watchers sees a propaganda aspect in the quences of a failure in this re- a warning that adventures of are fairly in the dark for visit But it is skeptical of the gard. But it notes that the dif- any kind hereafter will not be a 'story.' This is perhaps un-avoidable as even the American Press, from whom we get because of the situation in East-our headlines on Sino-Soviet re- ern Europe and because neither lations, has been taken aback by the West nor the Asian couna development which the CIA tries will be allies to the USSR in the event of a confrontation with China "It therefore re-Taking the major national mains to be seen whether the Soviet Union will fall back upon eashing in on the propaganda gain-inconsequential in the ultimate analysis-of Mi Kosvgin's dramatic gesture, or treat Communist world, that Soviet it as a small but significant bedesire for settlement with China ginning of a thaw in Smo-Soviet relations "

On the other hand, the Indian Express thinks that though the propaganda value But then, it border conflict between the two countries must have bulked large in the talks which Mr. Kosygin, Mr. Chou En-las should sygin had with Mr Chou Enallow himself to walk into the lai, it is likely that these talks trap. Or is it propaganda on also covered "a wider ambit," meluding ideological questions However, "It is national consi-For the Hindustan Times, Mr derations more than any imme-

helped to reopen the 'front' by flaring up into a major war "It that Mr Kosygin will be able to doubtedly, and public opinion "sweet reasonableness" on Mos- ment's undeviating pursuit of it civilian leadership." The can-Minh In that context the Rus- petent authority" in China to cellation of the May Day parade sian move could be of some pro-change the direction of policy paganda value. But it is unlike. Further, the Patriot asserts that have explained the possibility of ing's endless blackmail of her easing tension, perhaps also neighbours, it is not impossible 'warning" Chou of the conse- that he used the occasion to give

Not so Patriot "Mr Kosy-The Statesman does not think gin's was a gesture of peace un-

NARADA



"That is also a sick society because it rejected me for being bald"

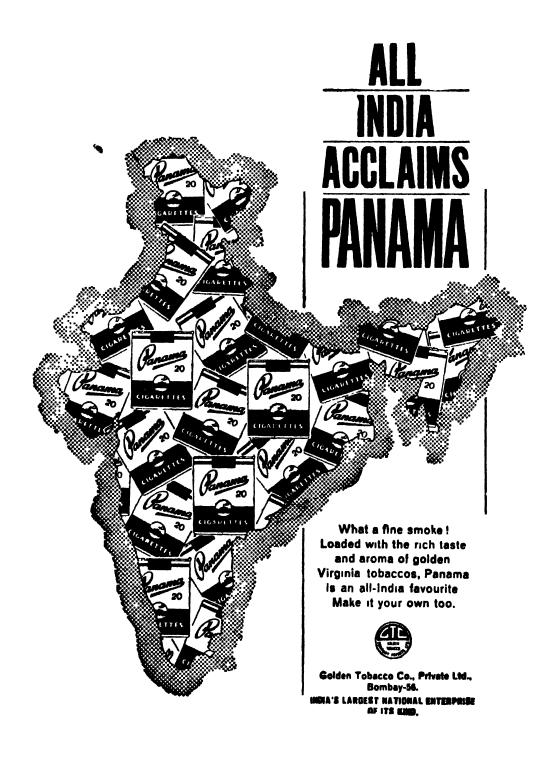


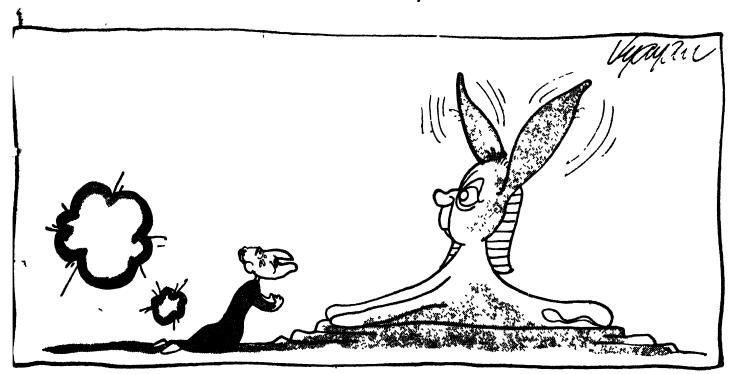


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The Diplomatic Community

ECONOMIC co-operation is as to have a common ambassa- ed comprising ten countries blamed for this kind of thinkfor countries today other duty-free. daity on others' goods doing!

Whether there will be more of Economic Communities or matic front a single Ambassador in India creditation of one ambassador decide not to have ambassadors been long in vogue munity"!

'The question may be raised whether it is as easy to abolish

suggested as the panacea dor elsewhere. To this our each. Within the community, mg. After all, it was not long Look at answer is what anyway would there are no ambassadors to ago that the exploration of the the Free Trade Area where ambassadors do between coun one another, and each sends globe was completed. It was countries get goods from each tries friendly to each other, the other community just one only the other day that front-Look at the when one ambassador will do ambassador - certainly a step iers moved westward and east European Economic Commun for them in a third country? ity which is a step higher be- Since the ambassador is an cause they also levy a common honest man sent abroad to he And for his country, countries which how well these countries are have faith in one man lying for them all need not tell each other any lies

Of course, it would be meor not, something similar seems to acct to suggest that nothing be in the offing on the diplo- has happened in this direction Four Carribean before the momentous Carricountries have decided to have bean decision. Concurrent acfor itself

"Diplo-Imagine that two chanceries among themselves matic Communities" are form-

in the direction of 'One World"

The slogan of "One World" has been there from olden days What the ancients meant by it is much less clear. In those days, one's own domain was While metaphysithe world cally it might have encompassed even the stars, what lay beyond one's surroundings was speculative, this speculation often leading to contempt Thus for the Hindus, all aliens These countries have only to to more than one country has were mlecchas, for the Chinese, This all the others were barbarians. with one another for them to means that, at the receiving and for the Europeans, some of become what may be called by end, a country decides that the the fai-off peoples were fit obanalogy, a "Diplomatic Com- lies such as are palatable to its jects for hunting! This is what neighbour are good enough made it possible for the honest man to he abroad without batang an eyebd!

Not could our ancestors be

ward and finally met Today, man rises up in the sky and finds that ours could be anything but 'One World' least we could do today is to minimize the number of those engaged in professional lying!

Efforts to date to achieve 'One World' have no doubt been The Hindus tried through Dharma the Bud dhists through Damma, the British through Pax Britanica the Annicans through agonizing re-appraisal! Let us then move forward to the 'Diplomatic Community', the big step suggested towards One World' by the small Carribean countries!

SANJAY

Rate of exchange

it is no less confusing than the some days ago European Common Market, cal market

in Peking against the eleven years go by Chinese journalists held in The recent alleged hijacking Hong Kong which of the two of a bus-load of Delhi students appear to strengthen the appear to the Transport Depot where prehension that cases of kidenamic Popular opinion had it they were given rough treatthat China had beaten its ment as retaliation for some become more frequent, throw-nisguidedly kidnaps one of adversary down to a rock-bus conductors having earlier ing an additional builden on them for political purposes bottom price. But look at it been dragged inside a college the Police's missing-persons would perhaps feel that he is the other way It was tacitly compound and beaten up, squads. You might read in the being honest in asking in readmitted by a big nation like seems to be a straw in the papers, that one of our Swaturn for the release of one

ordinary fourteen If this is the general Khalsas frend of business, one awaits

THOSE who have been studying the international kidnapping market these last few release of the two Israelis on months will have noticed that the 'plane hijacked to Syria

Nearer home, our own kidor U.N the international politi- napping concerns are still being run on old traditional lines Before one had looked closely with no signs of modernisation at this subject, one had the im- The dacoits in Madhya Pra-pression that kidnapped persons desh, when they carry away were released either in ex-somebody forcibly, set a price change for money or an equal on his head and ask his family number of men held by the to deliver so much ransom other side. But now it looks money or else. Unashamed as if things are not as simple money deals and we call our-Some time ago Russia agreed selves a spiritual nation and to free an English businessman quote scriptures to prove that detained on the charge of dis- we have always valued human tributing subversive pamphlets life above everything elsel in Moscow, if Britain returned Money is difficult to come by three of the Russian spies it these days even in kidnapping had imprisoned. Now, what circles. With the nationalisakind of horsetrading goes on behind the scenes before such plished and other social control. harter deals are made public? measures in the offing there is When China settled for the re- not going to be much margin lease of Reuter's correspondent of profit in this enterprise as

political to a lakh and a quarter of non-syndicaters?



"Darling, I've nothing here to fight over today So would you mind coming late?"

like in the political sector? shifting alliances American prestige registered Manager himself for a college exchange between kidnappees basis a big decline when its Ambas- principal seems to be the idea, of different parties or of the sador to Brazil was weighed in though things might prove dif- right and left wings within any the balance of his kidnappers ficult in the Punjab where big party itself? How many and was found worth only traditionally a Khalsa is equal young turks for how many old been Things are not correct) going to be easy with the multi-What are things going to be plicity of parties and their

There were complaints in some however, be no problem at the States, on the eve of crucial noconfidence motions, that some
MLAs had been spirited
away by the rival party to prefor MLAs from various States vent them from casting their are known with exactitude and votes Recent goings on would these are different from State to State God forbid that any of China that one British journ- wind of change. An eye for tantra members is missing and MLA each from UP, Bengal, alist was worth as many as eleven Chinese in the same profession

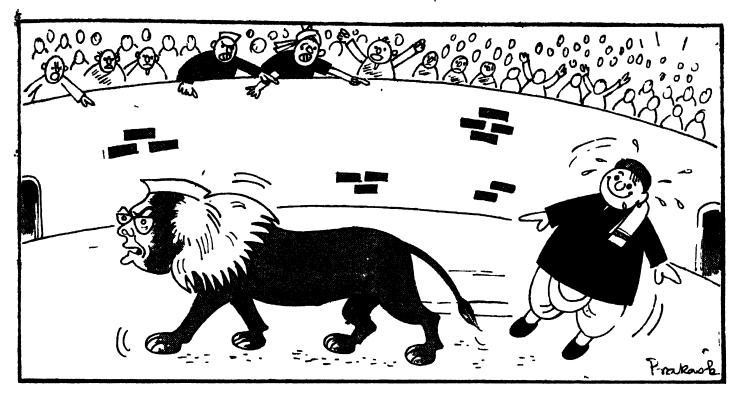
What of change an eye for tantra memoers is missing and the next day that a Communist the next day that a Communist and two from Nagaland, on an honorable no profit no loss

> (*Readers need not bother about the figures, these have checked and found

> > H R LUTHRA ...







Mr. C. B. Gupta said there was no proposal to nationalize sugar mills in U.P.

The Eighth Day

THE car stopped by my side come back to the trouble right, but "No," said Abdul. "The seasoned tangawanas has a grand my friend Bhaskar said, try to set the trouble right, but "No," said Abdul. "The seasoned tangawanas has a grand giving the roll in I'll give you a lift if I'd pay back your six, add a danned thing is so restive I'm much chaff, again giving the vou aren't going to turn right hundred rupce note on the almost having stopping trouble gun to the car, "Look how she can A thoroughbred if ever there goes! But what I say is, if she's

ed away like a cannon ball

is not how much you pay but and just a wee bit of luck' what you get for it. The chap "You bet I was lucky to get who sold it to me said, 'Bhasit," said Bhaskar "Even my karrao, use it for a week. You've driver, though he thoroughly paid me six thound for it, but approved of the car, said she be trifled with and drove past vards away, and the sight of it don't consider the transaction might have some starting without a word. Then Abdul amply held the three of us as closed. After the week is trouble And have we had any the driver said as it there had spellbound It was of course of over and if you find any trouble starting trouble in the week, been no interruption and as if a foreign make, sleek smooth,

THE car stopped by my side come back to me I wouldn't Abdul?"

at the same time bumping my "Not bad, not bad at all," head into his as the driver nepurred Bhasker, with a touch gotiated, or rather hurtled of pride in his voice Paid six down, a corner at breakneck thousand for it, which isn't speed. "In the matter of mamuch as far as car prices go chines, what one needs is a hit nowadays, but what's important of discernment, discrimination

vou aren't going to turn right hundred rupce note on the almost having stopping trouble about and go in the opposite top and take back my can A thoroughbred if ever there without a protest. That's be-was one, she is that "Then he I was pleasantly surprised I cause I know my car's as good came to a violent stop that be like if von spend another nearly threw both of us out of thousand on the machine itself you got yourself a car, Bhasker? Glad to know some people true. This is the eighth day head out, bawled in a voice of the get-up, upholstery, paint are getting on in the world, and all the car has needed thunder, "What have you got and the like? Why, it would Excellent machine, as for as I is petrol. And I can't denv it in your head, eyes or rosarvean see," I added, as the car petrol, can I? heads, you cross-eyed horse-took a spurt of speed and zoom"No" I nodded vigorously, killer? Why don't you take killer? Why don't you take your beastly animal to the knacker instead of getting it knocked out by a car, you stinkung son of a jackass? Why don't you go home, close the door and lay the whip on yourself for a change and atone for the imposing residence within vom misdeeds, you sinner?

ed realised that be it his mis- as he got out, both of us notic take or not, this wasn't a man to ed another car parked a dozen

he could scatter a legion of so good now, what would she beat any brand new car of any high-falutin' make hands down and feet up. That's what she'd

Tvc to make a call on the way, said Bhaskarrao a little later, as the car drove into a gate and a pretentious driveway, bordered by endless flowers, to You just wait here in the car, The tangawalla thus address- I won't take five minutes ' And for appearance which lent it an aren't everything an of boundless arrogance the heart of Cleopatra beat in no way better than her kitchenappalling.

'Dinky little thing, isn't it?' said Bhaskarrao somewhat tightlipped, as he got down and walked into the house

Now there were only the two of us in the car and the driver said, his eyes on the superb carthat's what's needed. I could start choking me

aristocratic, and with her per- their challenge this hussy for a fectly groomed and well-cared race, anyday. Appearances

I could read his mind like an Maybe the machine of that car open book. He'd already en- car has a spare axle and he's from which it was taking a lot_ was no superior to ours, just as hanced his estimate of the expenditure by another thousand but by his next sentence he maid's, but all the same, the meant that his car wouldn't be contrast with our car was rather like the other even if you spent twenty thousand on it Secondly, after this money was spent, he was prepared to challenge the other car for a race, but he'd do it like a sport, not because he expected to win He'd challenge, but that was all, just as I, man to man, wouldn't be and caressing his stubble. One alread to challenge Cassius Clay, thousand on the machine and knowing that he'd knock me tuo thousand on the get-up, down, but after that he wouldn't

"The axle,"

convinced my poor master that one of these days the car's axle will break-when he starts learning to drive, that is-and will have to be replaced He could provide for this by buying the spare one at a cost of 90 rupees, whereas he'd have to pay a hundred and twenty elsewhere-Now, is that the way to think about a car? If you fall in love with a girl, is it mee to keep a pair of crutches handy, because one of these days she might fall and break both her legs?

'Not nice," I said I could see that the spare axle rankled a good deal in the driver's mind

Just then the door opened and We'd almost pushed our a nattily dressed young man arms back out of our shoulders came out and climbed into the wonderful car A moment later says, 'Come, let me give you Bhaskarrao came out, followed a helping hand!" by a solemn-looking bird with majestic moustaches. They said ed with all his might. When farewell to each other and we'd gone ten paces, the old Bhaskarrao got into our car The chap bellowed, "What the devil young man in front called, "Go-you're standing and gaping

ing my way, Bhaskarrao?"

for, Mini? Come on, help us "Maybe a little, but not all push!"

the way," mumbled Bhaskarrao, So the stately girl also came knowing that he'd look like a and pushed, which was a mangy cur following at the heels of a Doberman-Pinscher

"All right, then," said the young man and the next moment the car sleekly and silently rolled out of sight. We simply didn't hear it start Just a touch on the key and a finger on the wheel, and it just glided away

"OK, let's go," said Bhaskar-

The driver came out of his trance and pushed the starter He pushed again, one, twice, thrice. Something chug-chugged and chug-chugged and became ommously silent Four times, five six times. Then the driver got down, raised the bonnet and tinkered inside as if trying to kill some reptile that had crept into the engine. He came back wiping his hands, sat down and the three of us willed with all the fervour and concentration at our command that the car would start It did not. There was the same dry, barren chugchugging and then dreadful silence

Well?" said Bhaskarrao, looking somewhat coppery

"Looks as if we'll have to said the driver, frowning "Just not believe it. a touch Why this should happen today of all days, and now

THE THE TANK THE TANK THE muttered the of all times, I don't know, but there it is."

"What about it?" I asked Probably jealousy, I thought. "The chap who sold him the That car had given a jar to ours. of time to recover. Anyway, both of us got out and pushed. The car was on a slight upgrade and 'we'd to push with our tongues hanging out.

Precisely at this time a stately looking girl came out and stood beside the majestic looking bird, obviously her father. She looked as if she played tenms for a couple of hours every morning, and always defeated her adversary in straight sets She looked at us as if we were a couple of ants trying to push a dead beetle, wishing us success but not exactly clapping her hands and cheering us

when the old bird in the porch

And down he came and pushyou're standing and gaping for, Mint? Come on, help us

spectacle to bring tears of vexation in the eyes of poor Bhaskai-100 The idea struck me that she and the old man were helping us so willingly because they wanted to get this horrible heap out of their their premises, even if it cost them their dignity and then lives

Another hundred yards and the car was out of the big gateway The old man and the girl didn't come out with the car, they sort of smiled, shut the gate and just walked back

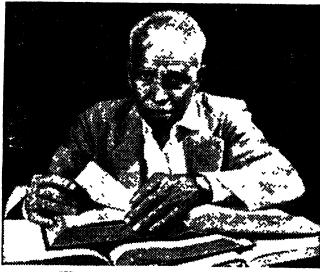
"And now?" Bhaskarrao asked the driver

"The mechanic is just around the corner I'll go and get him," said the driver and walked away fast There was something in his gait and a finality about his receding figure which told us that the heart-broken man wasn't coming back, that we'd seen the last of him

I suddenly slapped my pockets and said, What, no cigarettes? Just a second, I'll get them The shop must be around the corner. Of course, I'm coming back," I added, push her a bit, just a little bit," knowing that Bhaskarrao would

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"Worn out, but...



still working at 61-because I postponed Life Insurance too long."

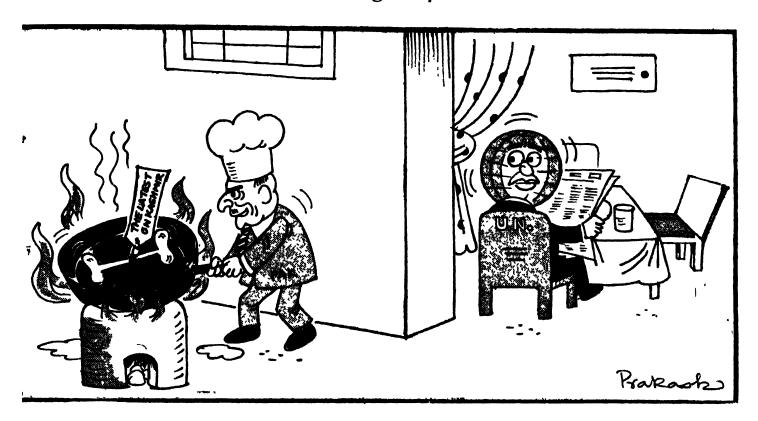
"I always thought Life Insurance provided against early death. Too late, I realised it's provision for old age too—my old age. I always kept postponing insurance. Till I became uninsurable. My other savings didn't amount to much. Besides, they were too easy to dip into, unlike insurance. So today I have to work in some of old age and noor health." in spite of old age and poor health.

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A Spirituous Fantasy

I HAVE not perpetrated this barrel into the man has come of itself and as it occasions when big money was that comes automatically to one and the odds and bits of those down No blame to me if it who emerged triumphant and the lord of all creation With picked themselves out of the does make you tear your hair, the barrel it was that dis- the sparkling stuff on, the sui- gutters as best they could. No whys and wherefores about appeared. Friend T.T.T. had use flamed from his face and To such a one and in such this thing Atrocious things a rake off on the winnings of he moved joyously over the in age, came disaster. You happen sometimes and funny course. There was a man so earth unworried by the slings may not believe it, but it is thoughts do stray through the fittingly made for beer and and arrows of misfortune that true. As usual in such cases, most rigidly kept vacuum there was beer, barrels and clouded the minds and cramp- it was the female, one female,

a bar about the place auste true, too. occasions when we placed vessel and died inflamented thind TTT alongside a barrel appear into the barrel or the Even without taking in a drop of to stand across his path. Woe darkness she came at him

atrocious stuff for you. It record that always on those had the rolling majestic gait went through like a juggernaut came to me, I have put it laid, it was the man that was who has the feeling that he is who had disputed his way chambers That is all there is bariels of it, so happily availed the gaits of lesser mortals, who brought disaster on this to it

able to the man and, as I said He was generously rounded king pin of long gone sin-lit

You would not know about before, bars all over Bombay and hugely built along the Bombay It happened one

my friend Tunki Tit Tu He and no morals about the place bines of the barrels out of dark night when the rest of flourished long before you at all - was it any wonder that which he drew his sustenance the world slept. Friend Tunki time when Bombay was a the man who thought of team Was it any wonder that when Titi Tu had loaded up with a place of all bars and no morals, connection with TTT should be rolled majestically along the barrel and flushed with the There was a saying at the time have choked on the thought pleasant sin-lit roads of the happy outcome of a big money that wherever there was a bar, and died? Poor man, he tried Bombay that was—was it a wager, he had got away from there Tunki Titi Tu was bound three times to say And will thing to wonder at that all men his friends and the usual beaten to be, and wherever Tunki you get your friend Tunki Titi gave him the right of way and tracks he promenaded after his Titi Tu was there always was Tu to tea too? but the words even plodding buses and flying gargantuan triumphs. He got And stuck in his throat and would taxis stopped dead in their on to the railway line and it There were not come out He hurst a blood tracks or took a wide detour in lay endlessly

essel and died unlamented homage to the unpressive be-before him, a glimmering royal You would not have said ing? He towered amongst the road worthy of a king. Tunki of beer and had bets with in- otherwise if you had known lesser breed of men like a giant. Titi Tu felt every inch a king nocent strangers as to whether TTT No man was more glore amongst pigmics and nothing in He strode along the middle of the man could be made to dis- fied by beer than this one the world of men and things dar- the royal road, and out of the

It is on of the precious stuff, my friend unto any that daied. He just

stretching away

The woman of his destiny! king? Tunki Titi Tu was swept route. The one mile of track. The nation wept. With an unholy screech and a off his feet in the woman's mad sanctified by the valiant blood. Tunki Titi Tu of

jangle of hellish non-she came rush. The metal monster stains of Tunki Titi Tu slowly flying out of the darkness — scienced in fiendish delight as smouldered the Decean Queen! What if she gathered him up on her. So it came to pass that when she was an express train and bull-catcher and hugged him to the next train came speeding Far worse than all that, he had speeding along the tracks that herself dragging him for fully along the track lately used by a raging thirst on him. All the speeding along the tracks that herself diagging him for fully along the track lately used by a raging thirst on him. All the was hers by right? Was he not a mile along the glummering the Deccan Queen, for the disspirit in him had drained off in a king and entitled to the right toval track. Queenly passions tance of a mile there were just that wild one mile ride with of way?

get spent in a moment's up-There was a blush splash of surge, and the Deccan Queen and no rails at all in their pro- ate flame at the spot where the was no exception All passion per place. Came the crash, poor royal twain met. The man spent in that one untial em- the crunch of broken limbs, be to King and the machine Queen brace, she became all monster the groans of the dead and united in a moment's throb-bing ecstasy

Which man was ever a match
for a woman? Even if he was a for her at every station on the disaster in all railway history.

Tunki Titi Tu clambered qut of the culvert where the callous woman had thrown him. So it came to pass that when He was bloody and bruised, replacement was made, poor man-king, he felt it would be the end of him. He drew in a big mouthful of breath and sent his voice booming into the silence of the night

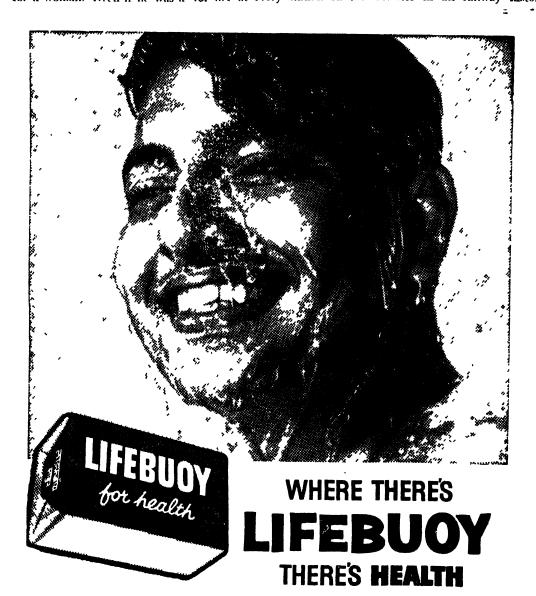
Bombay hol What price a

Wher previously he would have got the beer for the asking and a host of admireis to encourage him, at this moment of direct agony, he found enemies. Shadowy figures crowded in on him. The whole police force, the armed reserve and the military They took him into custody charging him with wilful destruction of the railway line; that by allowing his blood which was only beer brewed into concentrated absolute alcohol through fifty distillation inside him to fall on the steel rails, he destroyed valuable government property and deliberately caused the destruction of many lives.

And whereof no jail could accommodate his bulk, he was ordered to be kept in the open enclosure reserved for the thinoceros in the zoo. There wa, no protection against the sun and poor TTT being all alcohol and not much of anything else got thinner by a ton every day So that when after a week or so, the guards came to take him for his trial, all they found was a couple of hoops and not a shred of anything else to show for Tunki Titi Tu There was such an There was such an outery by the papers about all this funny business that the wise people of Bomby decided once for all not to have any more beer in the place but only neera so that man-kings like Tunki Titi Tu should not survive and set the rails on fire with their spirituous ardour and escape the consequence of their acts by fading into thin air thus bringing into disrepute their great city. So now in Bombay there is no beer and only ncera

Well, that is the end of the

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-FILMS-

"Jigri Dost"

THE desi fillum hero, we know, should be 'stout of heart, strong of limbs and apt tor all affairs. As if not content with one such specimen we have two heroes here-Jeetendra in a double role. Number one is a milkman with all the necessary adjuncts for that profession inne's His rating in the social heirarchy should now be up The second is a lawyer quoting IPC upside down Jeetondia's preoccupations with the cows should please the Cow Protection Committee. Also as an advertisement for a small dairy, it will go well Thank Heavens, there are two heroines as well

oth the love-lorn pairs sprint a couple of kilometres before breaking into song The dances -wobblings, gyrations and writhing of people in pain-are anything but aesthetic Much to the delight of the teen-age audiences they whack one another in the base and miss the forbidden kiss check-by-jowl. The songs (with stereo thrown in intermittently) are so noisy that open for Geraldo (Tony Curtis) unknowing) comes along, inter- Peck in Bravados?) The rest of cepts the hangman and some- the story however original, is we feel we are sitting on the tarinac of a busy aerodrome By way of action we have car ballan custom of the Crusade era tion-army sergeant proceeds to moral, guns and girls, now and chases (in new Ambassadors) lot of fist-swinging in the air supposed to be kayoes, shooting (people pictend to dic), police and what have you. In the midst of all this tonifoolery Numpa Roy's is a dignified appearance The Sethjis of Bomhay filmdom are snug that if there is pun (Think of the Devil they spin out anything in colour and the monk appears) and a and use technically competent veneer of absurd pageantry Mophotography, albeit ureverentthey can hit the high spots They seem to be doing it But how long?

"The Chastity Belt"

Monica Vitti, a la Portia, is prepared to remain as chaste as Diana till the right man with the right key comes along But t) is not for a long time. Having been subjected to the humiliation of wearing a dog-collar-like chastity belt, she goes after her lord to procure the key and Texas 1867 Trigger-happy damn the belt. What with the thugs in a quiet little town A Holy was with the Infidels with bank hold-up and when the pumpkin hats and knights with busters scram with the cash, tough. There is many a slip be- his fine boy deputy Roscoe tween the key and the lock round em up. The scene shifts, but finally the gates to Heaven Jimmy (James Stewart, to the



Mumtaz and Jeetendia

when women were supposed to inspect his 'subjects'. The conthen, are never silent in Texas be soulless and hence inferior defined escape in a dramatic Excepting for confident James and when the lords levied wind- way and Jimmy follows. He Stewart, lively music and some tax and had a predilection for picks up a few grands from the good photography, this is slow other's properties - especially bank in the casy-does-it way, on the draw wives (they all belonged to them) - is replete with situational humour. Lines are licentious, nica Vitti, with or without the belt, is sprightly and delightful even if the dog and the horse are made up to resemble her Tony Curtis with a bumptious deportment provides enough action to keep the film going We are led to believe the foundry industry flourished and locksmiths had a helluva time during this age. The belt, of course, is the suppressio veri Fun for those who have the time for it.

"Bandoleros"

Texas 1867 macter-kevs, the going for her is tough sheriff July Johnson and

Well, whatdya know, he is Maes Bishop elder brother to Dee (Dean Martin, yea, the Dean Martin of the one-time Martin-Lewis twosome), leader of the gang They take prisoner the rich young widow (Raquel Welch) of the town and pronto the sheriff chases them with a big posse (to get the gul?) They cross the border and enter outskuts of Mexico Wai veteran Maes plads with Dee to turn a new leaf and lead a respectable life in a far-away ranch in Montana Dee decides to give a try to this call to conversion and almost gets the gul when, slucks, Justice in the form of the sweating sheriff stops him. That is not the end Bandoleros strike bang bang and the sheriff's work is made easy. He collects the corpses. There is one moment of diama when Jimmy picks up the wallet with the bucks, hands it over to Johnson and collapses The lady goes back with the sheriff. This is the set-up of Twentieth Century Fox's western The hangman-impersonation story is borrowed (Gregory This Italian spoof on the bar- what in the manner of a salva- fliory material. There is a



Dean Martin, James Stewart

Our two-pronged neighbour

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arate identity that they did not they now struggled to keep been said often, on who alignmust be credited with under-in the first place seek, they then Bengali identity even as ed with whom to topple whom standing of Pakistan at depth, found it quite to their taste, a part of the Muslim movement. In fact this part of the work is considering that until the dectaste which increased as the in the country, a struggle on Pakistan in general, East line started, Ayub's Pakistan predominantly Hindu agitation which has taken the form of against the Partition of Beneral demands for maximum autono is its due considering that the stability even by his detractors, mounted. But being disorganing after Pakistan was created bulk of the population resides. To be sure, Bhargava admits ised themselves, they looked to Mi Banerjee sets out to there! the Aligarh movement, now in write this story and starts off. Banerjee Muslin and the Muslims of scene willy nilly, but thwarted in their Partition scenes, the hypothesis has instead a grand manner

the Bengali Muslims a sep- lim identity in a Hindu India. Partition developments

sway in the North, for support with a grand design. One con- the post-independence period, of this volume." This might The Aligarh leadership was dition for success in a work of is thus not that a perspective have helped him to have a loath to do anything that this kind, dealing with a re- is not maintained, but of being retrospective look at some of might have marred their warm gion, is that the larger content preoccupied with it much too the events, but it must have relationship with the British is not lost sight of at no stage much and failing in the process been a rather hurried reap-The important consequence of of the work. Upto the time of to highlight, elements central praisal as witness the lack of a

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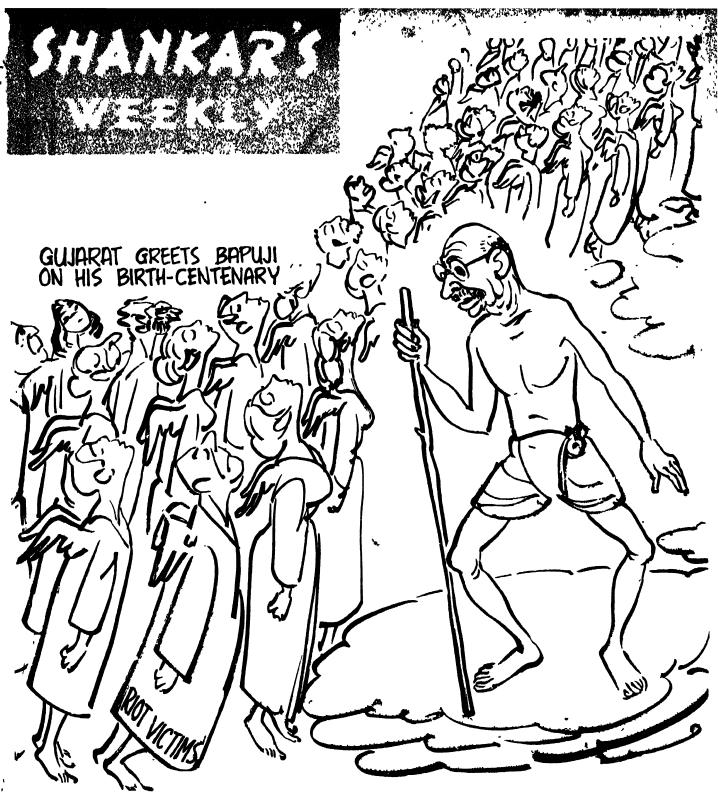


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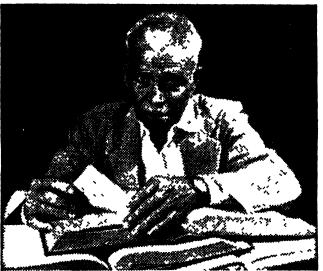
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FREE THINKING

THE reverse of Confucian thinking is that one must first think of oneself, then of caste, group, community and nation and last about the soul. After 22 years of independence we seem to have reached this stage. It is not only the communal noting in Gujarat or the student trouble in Imphal and Digboi. All over the country the race for status and wealth has become a ruthless drive to establish one's own claims, for an oil refinery, for statchood, for so-called religious rights

In an acquisitive society like ours this is perhaps inevitable. Our "socialist" leaders have come too late on the scene. What should a man work for except for himself? And what does he want except the usual house, car, telephone, travel and exclusive benefits for his own family? Towards this end people can abandon principles, stoop to any depravity, compromise with evil, trample underfoot the rights of others, defy ethics and adopt the vilest actions. It will not stop until the idea of national good and common endeavour serzes hold of large sections of idealist youth. But that is not much of a hope

The recent events should prove to Mrs. Indira Gandhi that the nationalisation of 14 banks or the control of certain items of import do not add up to a satisfactory way of life. These are steps taken to prevent a miniscule section of the people from controlling and regulating national life. To that extent, they are welcome. But socialism is a totality of feelings and attitudes also, quite apart from its egalitarian quality. Where can this ideology spring from?

It is characteristic of politicians to think their personal wins or losses are national victories and defeats. Their egotism needs this delusion. But real leaders are not expected to think like party politicians. The initiative for good locked up in our people has not been unleashed and given direction yet because the politicians do not know how to involve other people in political tasks other than those that relate to their own survival or self-glory. Mrs. Gandhi cannot make much headway on the ideological plane because even if she was interested in giving direction to the movement, she would have to disentangle herself from the battle inside her party. As she cannot afford to do that, that ideology has to be supplied by others.

There is every need for intellectuals who are committed to socialist thinking without being active members of political parties to sit together and make out a statement of intentions and a programme. It is only on these criteria that the performances of parties and persons can and should be judged.

The Man of the Week



PLEASE TURN OVER FOR PEN PORTRAIT

The Man of the Week

A LONE among the leader. of the past, Khan Abdu Ghaffar Khan, continues his quest for freedom Others have made then place and have retired in honour or in anonymity Badshah Khan cannot ictne because his fight is for one of the fundamental human principlesthe right to turn away from the slubboleths of politicians Truly religious, he shuns the import of religion into poli-tics. He has resisted temptations of personal comfort and the joys of family life He has become a voluntary exile after spending years in Pakistan's jails.

Badshah Khan stands in sharp contrast with Sheikh Abdullah although there are some similarities in their carcers The Sheikh started under secular and socialist colours Lake Badshah Khan he had identified lumself with the movement for independence He has spent years in prison like the Frontier Gandhi But the tuo men are entirely unalike When Badshah Khan seeks to expose the bogus nature of Pakistan's political ethos, to show the world the hollowness of the Pakistani leaders' claims of democracy and equality, the Shorkh has provided sustenance to these politicians. If Badshah Khan has dispelled the notion that Pakistan is a state founded on modern concepts and governed with principled men, Sheikh Abdullah's actions hare questioned Indui's claims to secularism and democracy According to his stated political principles, India should be his home—But his activties are in another direction

For India, the Frontier Gandhi comes as a walking onscience His presence is a reminder that it is not enough to be satisfied with India's greater regard for values over Pakistan, but that we have still a long way to go to make these values permanent part of the national character. He re-presents the spirit of man in his integrity. His light cannot be dimmed

Wise after the event

FOR all the platitudes about which broke out in Gujarat ly personal." during the weekned. If the magnitude of killing (an estimated 500 by Tuesday) and destruction (unassessed) had outbreak of communal violence to the matter of the Prime Minister's statement in Agartala ('We are deeply ashamed that outbreak of communal violence clashes should take the fact had not been that the spread to other areas even after the army took over in Alimedabad, one cannot be sure that in the closed world of politicians and bureaucrats anything more than pious horror. For that is the legacy of years. Communal riots come and go like measles in the body politic and the country seems to wait for the next round, as it were

Only some months back we had reports of riots in Indore and the stories that came out at that time certainly did not speak of an "innocent" out-break of violence or of official vigilance et what happened? (he is taking only water, it is reported) and the statements of Nyalingappa The Prime Minister, according to an Agartala report, has said that communal riots are "against our policy" A trite comment which she too has chosen to repeat is the distressing aspect that the nots have broken out in the home state of Gandhiji espe-cially now "when we celebrate the Mahatma's burth centen-

The Hindusthan Standard This is rank self-deception"

Gandhu centenary and have been more honest to adprised if behind the riots there.

Ahmedabad's claim to special mit that Gandhi was an isolat-were cold-blooded political association with Gandhiji when ed phenomenon, out of tune forces that want confusion in he lived, there was customary with the temper of the nation this border state." It then casualness and complacency in and that the people of this changes course to advise Morarofficial and press reactions to country can claim no credit for in Desai that his fast cannot widespread communal riots his greatness which was "pure- bring such forces under control.

destruction (unassessed) had outbreak of communicative place, especially against the minute fact had not been that the and as usual there is criticism nouty") Patriot's remarks as against them too. While the well as the following communicative place, especially against the minute place, especially against Hindustan Times has given a tary in a non-Leftist paper like pletely different view authorities seldom act with some sections of the minority these things would produce sufficient sternness in the initial community, whose main concern anything more than pious horror, stages," it remarks and says ought to be the amelioration of that this familiar pattern is its depressed lot, should allow seen in Gujarat also. "If the themselves to be exploited by authorities had acted firmly merchants of hate, and religious last Friday when groups of people were seen moving around in Neither community has any the streets armed with lathis right to take the law into its and threatening trouble, what own hands, but it is only fair happened on the subsequent to expect the majority communidays might have been prevent- ty to be more responsible and ed," is its verdict. Which is restrained Yet, in spite of the supported by the Times of Gujarat Government's prompt India editorial also The latter announcement of an inquiry inasks the question, "Why were to the incident at the Jagdish the police caught off their (sic) temple in order to punish haps ten times fury and all that we read is about Morari's fast must be something seniously ed an orgy of murder, loot, vio-wrong with their intelligence lonce and arson which cannot set-up if they had no warning be condemned too strongly. at all of the impending trouble Who are these "some elements"? If in fact they had some inking of it, why did they not take However, there is some intertunely action? Why did the law esting analysis by the Statesman. and order machinery prove so It contrasts the communal situtotally incapable of dealing ation in north India with the with the rioting that within two state of comparative harmony days of the outbreak the autho- existing in the region south of rities had to call out the troops." there is some evidence that the first hint of trouble in Ahmedabad came as early as May.

Patriot takes the sequence has a point about such cant a little farther into the backand hypocrisy when it writes, ground and volunteers the To recall, as is being incess information that "There have santly done by leaders for the been inter-communal clashes in past few days, that Mahatma many parts of the State over fact communist, influence in Candhi was born in a particular State in this country, or ing that behind them all is an munal fiends running amuck. It that this is his birth centenary intention and an organising facyear is to imply that the tor whose chief objective is the hullabaloo about Malabloody riots now raging in weakening of national integrity."

Cuparat would perhaps have But even Patriot does not ple didn't create a stir, except in the newspapers of the Capital.

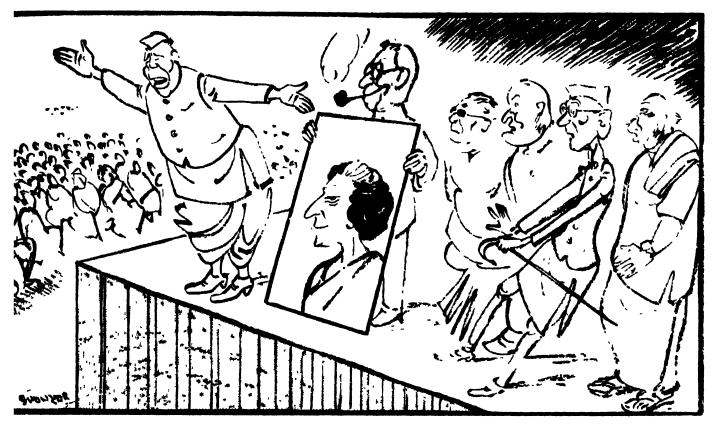
another place, at another time. it can venture to say is that

The paper suggests it would "Public opinion will not be sur-

clean chit to the authorities, the the Statesman make interesting Indian Express takes a com-reading. The Statesman pontifi-pletely different view "Tho cates "It is indeed tragic that

the Vindhyas-"in Kerala, in According to the Times of India, spite of the existence of a communal party like the Muslim League, there has happily been few serious communal incidents" But in the North, it notes, the hang-over of history seems still strong" Why is this? It would be too much to expect the Statesman to admit that the existence of strong Leftist, in fact communist, influence in is worthwhile to recall that all

NARADA



Mrs Gandhi is our national leader and it is our bounden duty to work with her as soldiers of the Congress -Mr Y B Chavan

Way out in Viet Nam

(By Our Foreign Expert)

IT is not true that the US direction cannot still be under- up to a point. Ho was a wispy posing a Maoist wins in Viet. State Department was caught stood. We are far too near the fruil guy and to make him look. Nam and a Kosyginite (what a off guard by the death of Presi- event to come to proper like Fu Manchu required in- world!) in Peking. Subsequent dent Ho Chi Minh It was not judgement The US State Department is guided mostly in its policies by State's strategy during the students waving Viet Cong can. That is the lesson of counting on the death of various people. Efforts are under to make powerful speeches on was a ruthless power manuac way to hasten the end of Mao the virtues of peace. This gives who had sent thousands to Tse-tung and bright newspaper the other side the idea that death. That is why a large reports on his illness are also something is around the corner majority of people in North ready coming in Ho Chi Minh but there is nothing because Vict Nam want to be icumited was mortal and old, and the no commitment can be entered Then, they too would be ex-State Department putting two into The US President is not ecuted. Now they feel left out and two together concluded he in a position to take initiative and uncared for would die some day

should not be a power struggle ject everytime a leader dies or is Ho under some constraint Nasser has his power struggle, This tactical advantage was Chinese will have a bigger not to mention Mrs Indira fully exploited by making Ho power struggle when Mao dies Gandhi. Ho's demise naturally appear both evil and benign and the two power struggles

unless the ground has been properly prepared for him in Their contingency plan, the Press and the Grand Old resumed, however, although hinged on this event was to Party This takes time. That one can appear reluctant to get expect the usual power struggle is why President Nixon did a move on because the power It is inconcervable that in the not say one word against Ho struggle is not over. Will the countries whose regimes the Clu Minh, leaving it to the victor be pro-Moscow or pro-State Department detests there papers to find the proper ad- China or neutral or somebody should not be a power struggle jectives to describe old Uncle who is on all sides. The

led to a power struggle whose at the same time. It worked may get all mixed up

genuity and real ability. The world history will take sarange

The troop recall has to be question is interesting enough but there is more to it. The

The Vict Namese demand for the recall of all US troops need not be talen seriously. That is for the consumption of the Communist would In fact, North Viet Nam wants a few US regiments there because it can then inform the Chinese about the fighting capacity and equipment of the US army Our pacifists and renegades, in the US and in India do not know these facts and make frequent asses of themselves For the US the State Department thinks this has an advantage too. As long as the Viet Namese can fight they will not talk, and it is talk that is dingerous Keep them fighting and that will keep them queet

That does not mean there

happen at these talks will know our business. State Department must have lots of rchearsal before the big event The cold war is something we much? cannot get over within a few weeks or months. It is an imspent money on it

ly that Judia and North Viet between Russia is too com- Probably. State Department

should be no talk at all. The Nam were going to strengthen Paris peace talks must conti-nue Otherwise it will give a pen because Viet Nam cannot bad name to the country and provide a market for us or give its policies. But nothing must us aid. They do not take The Indian eigarette, whiskey or same old line must be plugged razor blades. They probably and the same answers given don't smoke, drink or shave This is excellent practice for, Why then make pronouncewhen the talks with the Chinese ments on this delicate matter? are resumed at Warsaw, we Particularly, when USAID has not been cut down and the interest rate of the World Bank has gone up only ever so little

The same goes for West Asia portint matter and requires The American strategy here is cureful consideration. The US to get the Israelis to fight the Arabs long as Israel has superiority of weapons Does India have anything to is simply masterly. They acmain from the American tae complish three things from this tics. Yes indeed. Where else One, the Arabs are annoyed can we learn the art of diplo- Two, Israelis are happy Three, mac, and the handling of US weapons have a ready difficult men First of all, market. That is how foreign India must not express any policy is made. Not by stateopinion on international affairs ments of good intentions and where the US is directly con- by making speeches. The corned How are we concern- trouble is that the Ministry of mitted to the Viet Nam cause, has an unnamed yet use for ed it fighting is resumed in External Affairs has become a at least is on paper, to be a that country

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Vict Nam if the atom bomb is stooge of Moscow. It reads good intermediary. China is inside if some countries other than ourselves are wiped out? Out what it should say in a Nations that receive aid should be seen and not heard. The stooge of Moscow is stooge of Moscow. It reads good intermediary. China is unacceptable. What remains? If Dinesh Singh were to put the service of his ministry to the seen and not heard. No 'Prayda', everyday to find the intermediaty. China is not quite good the service of his ministry to the seen and not heard. No 'Prayda', everyday to find the intermediaty. China is not quite good intermediaty. If Dinesh Singh were to put the service of his ministry to the seen and not heard. No 'Prayda', everyday to find the intermediaty. The prayda' is not quite good the service of his ministry to the seen and not heard. The service of his ministry to the seen and not heard. The service of his ministry to the seen and not heard. The service of his ministry to the seen and not heard. The service of his ministry to the seen and not heard. The service of his ministry to the seen and not heard. The secondary is the stooge of Moscow. It reads good intermediaty. China is not quite good the service of his ministry to the service of his ministry China and the Arab world are To revert to Viet Nam, the ambiguous although, God is in favour of this line? This The Foreign Minister has To revert to Viet Nam, the ambiguous although, God blatantly discarded this first State Department must now knows how, it manages to retain principle when he said recent- have a first rate man to be go-goodwill in the United States

has he the authority even if he brings us to the crux of the Incidentally, this is matter what I wanted to write in the beginning but someone will say I am writing it on behalf of the jute harons of the press I am writing this all by myself

What was the point of Mrs Gandhi nationalising the banks? It has completely spoilt our image in the nations that count. Of course, they won't publicly say anything but they won't like it Banks are democratic institutions and a blow at them is directed at democracy. Not stopping there, Mrs. Gandhi has further talked of socialism, ctc. Is this the kind of talk that a true democrat should indulge in? Would Churchill or Truman have done that?

In short, because of the defeatist and mept speeches of our own politicians we are losing the biggest chance of all time. Let the people remember this on their day of trial, that day when the World Bank really puts up interest rates and the USAID winds up.

AGASTYA





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already drafted a Bill to amend Acts to provide for reminding sumptuous muck-rakers about lacuna pointed out by the PM busy people" about such trivia. Mr Jaguvan Ram not having I am sending a note to the PM, lities like filing a tax return and so forth. Parankusam let me have a look at the top secret file relating to the subject for old time's sake and, of course, a packet of imported razor blades. What follows are extracts from the file

It all began with a demiofficial letter from Mr Bhattacharya, Joint Secretary (Tax Laws), Finance Ministry to Mr. Natarajan, Joint Secretary (Drafting), Ministry of Law

My dear Nuts,

You have no doubt read in the papers-I don't myself touch tion has opened a new era of is a shadow. Access to these planue us liter. It has, now these pestilential rags, but you radicalism we ought to give up shadow files is usually res- And I find you are further em-

and classmate Parankusam— PM's obiter—how one falls into tine-bound, precedent-ridden cials and some "pool officers," this is not his name, of course, your kind of jargon when one panjandrums. These are stirring still a freemasonry with some of one has to protect one's sources, talks to you!-at the Press Club times we live in and we must the attributes of the secret sohasn't one?—I am in a position luncheon about the need for remove with them. And since you ciety. The shadow file is a se to report that Government has minding busy people of their are a man who can take a hint cret of these Secretaries and, of duty to file moome tax returns as well as I, get busy drafting course, the trusted breed of the Income Tax and Wealth Tax The PM was asked by some pre- the amendments to remove the their stenographers like Paranfiled an income tax return for who is also FM, in case you several years. The PM conced- don't know, to the effect that Natarajan wrote as follows ed that there was some such you are at the job So get cractorgetfulness And if I am to king Regards Yours, Butt. believe what I am told has appeared in the papers-not always a safe thing to do-the assembly actually laughed when she be inclined to disbelieve the said this as though forgetfulness letter just quoted as altogether thing about it. I only wish we in high places is a laughing too cosy and chatty, I must rematter Anyway, she went on to veal a closely guarded secreta- those stringent penalties that say-and that is where you and rist secret. There is an institu- lead to almost total expropria-I, you more than I come in- tion called the "shadow file" tion of wealth in case of defaults that it was the department's which goes back and forth be- under the Wealth Tax Act. You fault that they didn't remind tween senior officials in which may remember how I pleaded busy people of their duties.

THANKS to my dear friend may be less squeamish-of the being old stick-in-the mud, rou-tricted among senior ICS offi-

PS How is your lumbago?

kus un)

In reply to the above, Mr

My dear Butt,

Many thanks for your note For those readers who may Yes I saw the PM's aside and I do think we should do somehadn't let ourselves go with all there is far greater freedom of with you last year that we expression than in the staid offi- should not allow such diaconian Well, since bank nationalisa- cial documents of which this file measures lest it should return to

equabble at the top is doing no provisions tend to operate in an slipped disc (Thanks, by the way case of busy people who are seryou call it How are your amendments are intended to reulccis?)

Anyway, here is a rough draft of some proposed provisions in the definition clauses which you may pore over and pass on to the PM. I have not 1 'Forgetfulness' me vet, but only as ideas. We shall give the lancy dressing and the time, tell me if it is otherwise Wiled OK with the PM Regards Yours, Nuts

(Amendment) Bill, 1969.

turns. And these lacunae ope- this section. rate very harshly especially since the penalty for non-subof his wealth. Though some compelling dictates of his cons-

move these anomalies

1 'Forgetfulness' means and put them in the form of a Bill includes a certain psychological condition in consequence of which certain obligatory duties frills and the jargon later Mean- laid under this Act are not ful-

Explanation A psychological state as a result of which cer-Income Tax and Wealth Tax tain incomes that an assessee has earned or certain assets the issessee possesses are not dec-Statement of objects and Rea- lued, will, unclss the income sons Certain lacunae have been tax officer or the wealth tax offidiscovered in the working of the cer is able to prove the con-Income and Wealth Tax provi- trary, be deemed to be forgetsions regarding the filing of re- fulness within the meaning of

2 "Busy persons" No person in the charging section mission of returns has been en- will be deemed to be too busy hanced substantially last year to perform the obligations under leading to the position by which the Act unless he is a member a person will pay as penalty in of the Central Government, or some cases a hundred per cent person who has acted under the

barrassed by the parting shot of justification was found for such cience in presidential, or viceyou know who about levying measures for dealing with estab-presidential elections or on certhe maximum penalty in this lished black marketeers and tax tain broad issues of policy in particular case Well, all this dodgers and smugglers, these Parliament or who can prove to the satisfaction of the income tax good to your digestion and my expropriatory fashion in the officer that political duties on behalf of a socialistic pattern of tor asking after my lumbago as ving the country faithfully. The society had kept him engaged fourteen hours a day in five days of a full week. (For the purposes of this section twelve New definitions to be inserted hours on a particular day and sixteen hours of another day will be deemed to be fourteen hours of each day)

> anything Notwithstanding containing in the foregoing Government, by provision, rules to be notified in advance to the public, may extend the category of persons that may be deemed to be "busy persons" within the meaning of this section but a copy of the clause is phrased negatively for notification shall be placed on it is necessary to limit narrow-the table of both Houses of ly the range of busy persons Parliament within a week of and the scope of forgetfulness. their publication or on the first Otherwise every tax dodger in day of the session whichever is the country will claim to be a

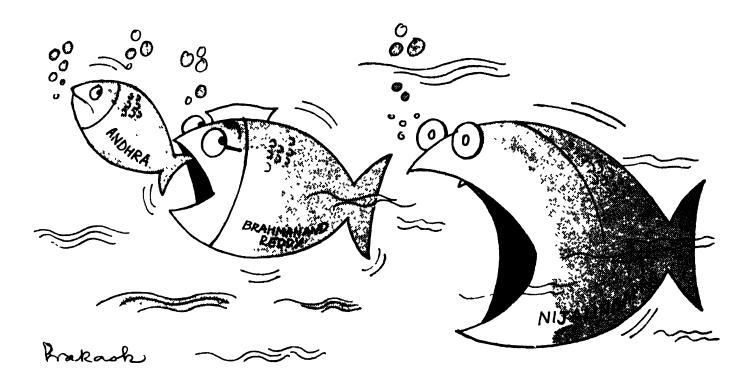
- (a) Notwithstanding anything contained in the fore-higher authorities are to be going provision, no default by exercised, of course, judiciously forgetfulness of any busy person as defined in the sections

will be deemed to be defaults within the meaning of the penal provisions of the Act unless the income tax or wealth tax officer has written at least two letters to the persons concerned reminding them of their obligations and the busy persons have not fulfilled the respective obligations to file the return, or declare an income or asset or to pay the tax due from them within a reasonable tune after receipt of such letters. Provided always the Commissioner of Income Tax, or the Central Board of Direct Taxes or the Finance Minister, may, in suitable cases, direct the income tax or wealth tax officer to write two more letters before imposing any penalty.

Notes on draft clauses: The busy and forgetful person. The intention is to cover only genu-3 New clause to be inserted mely busy persons who are forgetful

(b) The discretion vested in

TASON



Mr. Nyalingappa is in favour of a change in the present leadership of the Congress Legislature Party in Andhra Pradesh.—Report



The spook in the capital

THE ghost of Mohammad being pushed. She got up and first time She refused to make planations for the agitation of Deen Pir is no ordinary went to the toilet. When she a fuss about him, but like all Mohammed Deen Pir. An inspirit has been variously described by women telephone light, as an invisible presence which got smaller and smaller as it came closer to you walking down a contin-perspective Girls on the night shift using the dormitory have been attack- pital." ed by the ghost in various

ways.
"The most startling incident," said the report, "occurred on Tuesday last week At 230 a.m

someone in white come down pressed only by Naiavan a flight of steps and approach. Lay explanations her bed. The girl is still in hos-

ghost According to his own returned she found another girl sceptics, preferred to sleep out confession he is an evil one and sobbing away in bed. (That side the dormitory rather than the spirit had added during can be laid only by the all-pownight all the lights had been inside. But now neither the the interview that he had erful Narayan. The story came left on to reassure the guls) sceptics not the authorities are been skeeping away to glory the other day in a daily news. The matron was summoned in a position to keep Mohani until shocked by the stink of paper of the capital. The wofrom the adjoining room. The med down because far too latimes built near his grayer. men's dormitory attached to the gul, however, could not speak many guls had been set upon the grave is by the side of the telephone trunk exchange in Her arms hung limp and there by the stalking spirit, and he road near the telecom building New Delhi's old telecommunication were big blue marks on one himself had been persuaded to Critics of the covic administration building, reported the cor- hand. The P and T doctor was give an interview (which when tion grabbed the story. They respondent, was haunted. The summoned, and he diagnosed it deals with spirits is called a maintained, that Mohammed summoned, and he diagnosed it deals with spirits is called a maintained that Mohammed her malady as partial paralysis scance). In the presence of Deen Pir has vindicated them He had the girl taken to hospi-sixty guls last week a medium Sanitation in the city was in operators who saw him, as tal. When the girl regained accosted the spirit and asked poor shape and if the citizens gaunt and shrouded, as ned her power of speech, she said him to write on a planchette themselves connot shoel the someone had caught her by It was then that he wrote down dram-keepers and the scavang which could only be felt, and the neck and turned her round his name as Mohammed Decu as an out-sized apparation and round till she lost consci- Pu and confessed that he was the neck and turned her round his name as Mohammed Decu ing executives a ghost would and round till she lost conser- Pii and confessed that he was have to do it. Hence Mohamousness. The gull had seen an evil one who could be sup- med Deen Pir

It would appear that this is with supernatural phenomena the American tourist. The no new spirit. Mohammed had The Press was expected to slums have been destroyed and stalked the telecommunication mute it as much as possible their right inhabitants, driven office as far back as two and a Perhaps it was this that promp- away as before an army of conhalf years ago when a rather ted the correspondent to give quest. Fountains have been

authenticated source said that themselves counct shock the

The city administration people reacted sharply. They As with communal nots to been made attractive even to one of the girls felt her cot sceptical girl found him for the a series of almost trivial ex-built and fancy lights installed

in parks where no starving or non-away frivolously sure the American tourist will never visit

He is a very prejudiced think of a political explanation ghost," remarked a city official, to Mohammed Deen Pir? 'if he misists on reacting only to the stink of a lattine outside, this writer that the matter was the tourist trail. Just let him not so simple. He claimed that look at the drive in restaurants the futuristic litter bins, the parks from where the filths away - Let him take the city as a whole and come to judgment."

oddly and is prone to obses- argument sions. It was so with Mohampreve his point. In shy answer with a coment wall. No more explanation was given but it is engineers thought that the ghost could be so imprisoned This strengthened the argument that nothing scrious could be left to agencies of the State Neither public works nor telecommunications. A wall could hardly stop an angry ghost The Berlin wall does not stop East Berliners keen on escaping to West Germany

A political explanation

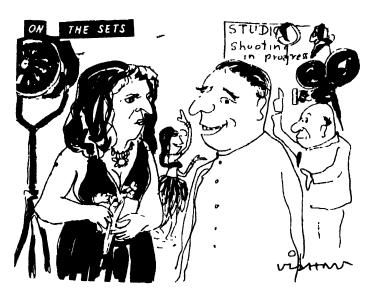
The bureauctacy is merely tiving to explain the phenome-

ill-clad tramp will be permitted buteaucracy, as a matter of to upset the neatness and the habit, defends itself even when a M not speaking of fraud visual harmony. It is true that the case is obvious as it is here the city still has neglected. Therefore, we are forced to look erevices, places which the city deeper, or read between the administration is reasonably lines, to use the journalistic expression that is currently the tashion Could one possibly

> An agitated communist told the CIA was behind it all

Now, let's grant," he said, "that the ghost exists and that slum children have been driven he has trespassed into a women's dormitory which 15 Let us Of course a ghost behaves admit all this for the sake of But who are the ones to benefit from such admed too. He has retaliated mission? Obviously American massively on innocent gals to imperialists, who after having tried the expensive experiment as it were, the Public Works of disproving the materialistic Department has sealed latimes foundations of communism in Vietnam have withdrawn to a second line of battle in India, common knowledge that the where they are trying out an altogether different tactic the existence of ghosts can be proved, the Americans hope, the Indian people would renounce communism which believes only in matter. It is very clear who is behind this game Mis Gandhi has disappointed is She bas let down the people. Where are the follow-up measures she promised?"

The Prime Minister herself maintained a studied and confident silence Her Informa-



They do without a plot because of their natural aversion to a probe

Freud and Income Tax

But of Freud."

"That's new!"

'Not so much, after all The latest New Scientist confirms the Freudian thesis on sleep."

"Yes, I saw that one. More research has proved the main function of sleep is to allow men to dream Is that it? But, what has it got to do with income tax?

"Look! Freud also said that we forget what we secretly dislike '

"I see the point But then why do so many people pay the tax at all?"

"Because there are appointed government officials to extract And more importantly, the lawyers specialised in income the same tax law are not lucky all the time!"

Where does Frend come m, but?"

"When you dislike a thing and forget it, it sinks into..."

'Conscience."

Not conscience Sub-consciousness "

'No. No. I've never heard or at least as yet-of this subetc I know of only one thing, and that I've exercised too. It is conscience, pure and simple It is the ultimate weapon which is always right

'I'm getting frightened at the rate of your outbursts these days Tell me, if you know of conscience why not pay the tax to the government that is unto the government?"

"I tell you I had forgotten."

Then others too can plead

"But can they all show their having a conscience as I died?"

R L M PATTI.

tion Minister, however, declared the atheistic doctrine of comthe Munster ment is committed to the free-spirit? dom of the Press Some editors come to me in private ted about the ghost? and tell me they are often ghost-writing for then proprietors. Well, this is a matter between the Pressmen and then bosses

CIA is no longer active in these of the Prime Minister's camp, areas. They say that the "I have not," said he, "given organisation has converted itself up the campaign for discipline." into a religious and spiritual body in the trauma that followed the John Smith revelations Young Tark ghosts against the Prime Minwas a vote for communism'

The Turk was asked to explam How did communism, tie up?

a communist? agitated about ghosts?"

"I am not a Marxist," said the Turk "I don't believe in

that he had done nothing to munism, but Che Guevara is suppress the ghost story "Who immortal and I will go again says the Piess is not free?" said to Tashkent I am no atheist, "The Govern-don't I believe in the Tashkent

"But, sii why are you agita-

The people are behind the forced to do a good deal of Prime Minister. They support bank nationalisation The ghost represents the five per cent'

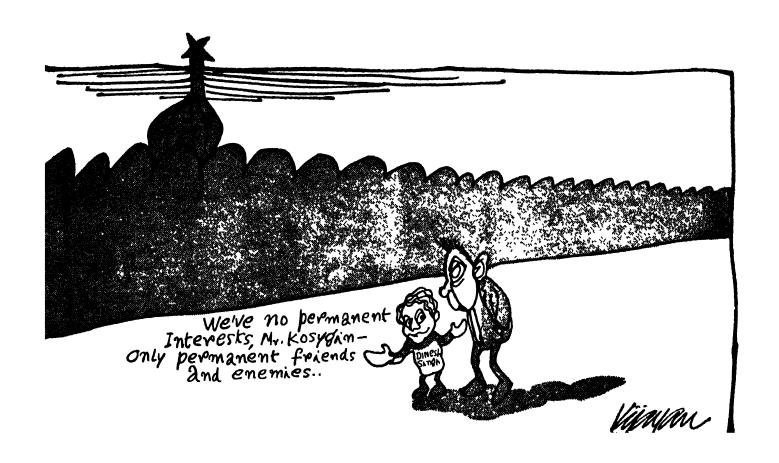
The Congress President de-Some people believe that the precated the new materialism

The Man who can do it

The debate around the ghost "It is the Syndicate," said a of Mohammed Deen Pir re-The Syndicate mained inconclusive But the is refusing to pack up and go Telephone Department sug-h me And it is setting up gested that an explanation was available at last to the many ister Don't forget that Nijalin- wrong connections subscribers gappa said that a vote for Giri complained of It also explamed the confusion and illegibility of telephone bills

"However,' said a senior the Congress Left and the ghost official, "the ghost has named Narayan as the only person "Are you, sir," he was asked, who can put him down. Good A crypto- that the ghost named the Miniscommunist? Why are you rer. The Minister will do everything possible."

PERRY HARRIS



The Battle of Chandigarh

(From Our Roving Correspondent)

THERE is something unlife in Chandigarh as men, or newspaper with a bored face— ians. The fact is that Chandigarh They wouldn't like the city to rather Mans, fast unto death the headlines have told the lat- is a myth in concrete neatly be sucked into Vishal Haryana, the everyday sight of petite- ing commentary by the politi- gracious living But the con- Suba, either The Central bougeoisie pedalling unheroi- cians, but there is a gleam of sumer society had the last ministration suits them fine cally to the shopping trysts, participation in her eyes when word Philistines do have the upper division clerks converging ad page She reads aloud Suit-slightly changed here on the Secretariat to branch off able match for Aiora girl, pretto the Punjab and Haryana offity, homely, confirmed teachress ces with nothing to distinguish no bar Respectable family kets busy as ever with Punjabis making a becline to the coffee colour match for Kapiu enhouses for the national integra- gineer shortly leaving for Ameversity campus looking chic rough kundli to... with the beautiful people discussing what went wrong with the Comex show in Delhi. It is business as usual in the astrologer's parlour. No, nobody wants to know the future of the city. "How about prospects for foreign travel?" "Is anything wrong with the seventh house What about chances for promotion?

natural in the normality of the front page of the Sunday Chandigarh - not Chandigarh - jabis, more Sikhs than Hindus for its possession in distant est about the fasts and she has divided into rectangles. Amritsar and Rohtak You see no patience to scan the runn- poet as architect designed it for anxious that it should go to the streams of lower division and she comes to the matrimonial last laugh. The pilorities are between them, the Sector mar- Early decent marriage" Next, "Tall convent educated fair hidden somewhere here tion 'masala dosais' and bada-rica Father, brothers own busisambhar', the rain-washed uni- ness. Send recent photo and

> ly trying to remember a past re- writes to the editor gatta A flock of geese, mascots have turned into canals of the club, quacks past a drainage system? The only thing browned-off cane chair left on that drains without fail here is the lawn

One thing is sure. Others in

An affluent housewife turns Amiitsar and Hissar may die for owners in Chandigarh are Punthe importance of having an at the bars are a subdued lot imported car Last, the importance of They drink not for the heck of tance of heing a socialist the Syndicate has a soul, it is status satisfaction

The ghost of Le Corbusier had better not walk around the Sukhna. He will not recognise his City Beautiful It could be Along the hills a wisp of city on earth After the rains smoke curls into a cloud That came, certain parts of the city is Kasauli over there On the looked as if it was all planned Sukhna lake a boat glades lazi- mess. A disenchanted reader ly trying to remember a past re- writes to the editor "Roads The

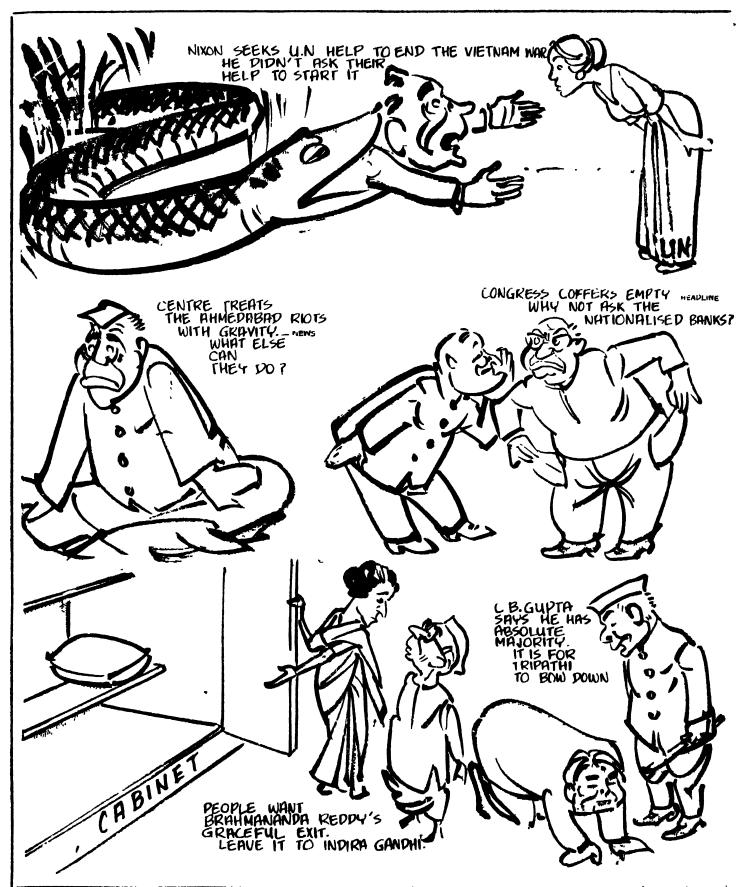
The majority of property- Punjabis and Haryanvis

The but they are not desperately Suba, either The Central ad-

Chandigarh goes to sleep First, around 9 o'clock Even revellers If it They drink with a puir of

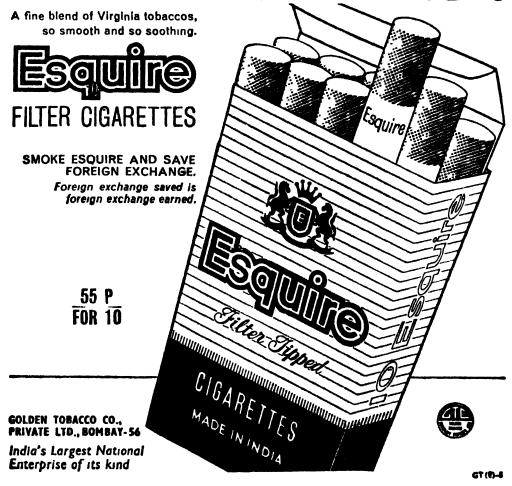
> A Green Revolutionary sitt ing abstractedly, alone on the club lawn with a half-emptied glass in hand, is disturbed by the sudden voices of demonstrators Demonstrators in this city-of all places! The slogans turn into a steady, whining, quavering drone ICH BIN CHANDIGARHER" It is the mosquitoes announcing (Kennedy-to Berliners style) own stake in the future of Chandigarh Yes, Chandigarh belongs to them now, if not to

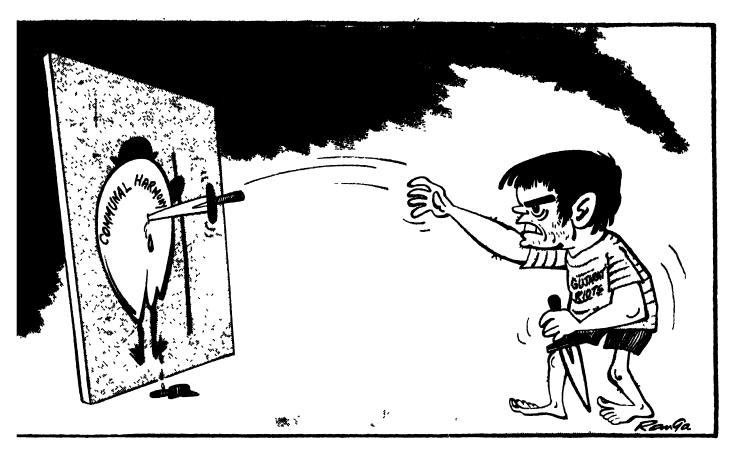
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YOURS... DELIGHTFULLY YOURS!





The Border Dispute

THE provinces of Harda and ing an aluminium plant in the 1 do not see how that will help leaders of the two provinces to Softa had a common border which extended for only one hundred metres as the duck waddles The provinces of Neara and Farra abutted at waddles either end of this line, making a fine complex of horder posts, police check points and offices of the inter-provincial preventive forces, which gave employment to a large number of loyal citizens of the Republic of Safaria.

These strategic hundred metres did not, however, run in a straight line They formed a large S bend The boundary had been delineated in that form by some former colonial administrator who admired the curves of Italian architecture Tho result was that each province was intruded into by a bulge of the other, a situation which both resented fiercely, and had always been the cause of bad feeling between them.

Matters came to a head when a member of the Harda Geological Survey Department discovered a small seam of bauxite kilometres," a younger member searched for strategic materials in the bulge The provincial objected, and the expense which they might be conveying government immediately started would be considerable, just to to the enemy excavations with a view to open- irrigate half a hectare of land

area The edge of the quarry us. One fateful day, a few cubic toxy-faced one, "because you is unbecoming," he told them centimetres of Softa soil were are looking in the wrong directions of "We are all citizens of seen to fall into the cavity

There was immediate uproar throughout the province of Softa

"Our sacred soil is being swallowed up in the bottomless maw of our dastardly neighbour," they shouted Delegations travelled to Rampa, the nation's capital, and marched to the Prime Minister's house Counter delegations met them at the gate and fighting broke out. The situation became tense

In the council chambers of Softa, subtler methods were being secretly discussed.

"The soil on our side of the bulge is good and rich," said a foxy-faced senior minister, "but it is dry. It needs irrigation If we run a pipeline to it from the warfare now raged between the nearest village, it can produce two provinces. The borders valuable food grains

"You do not see," replied the tion We lay this pipeline We rrigate our small furrows Think "he lowered his voice conspiratorially, where will the water go then?

The diabolical cumming of the plan slowly penetrated the heads of the members They chuckled as they pictured their enemies' discomfiture

"Who can object if we wish to cultivate our own sacred soilt" they said with arch innocence.

The work was put in hand at once. After a few days the water flowed in the pipe, irrigated the furrows of the Softa bulge, and then flooded the workings of the Harda Bauxite Company's quarry, which rapidly became unserviceable Open were scaled, and lorries crossing

The Prime Minister called the his proposal

a conference in the capital

"This internecine squabbling the great Republic of Safaria, our dear Motherland

"True, true," said the Harda leader No man is more loyal than I in that cause. But I am also a son of Harda. My humble ancestors have for centuries tilled the sacred soil which is now descerated by the second-hand ditch-water of our rescally neigh-

"I am a true and loyal Safarian," declared the leader of Softa, "but I will not tolerate the theft of a single cubic millimetre of the hallowed earth of The Harda bauxite Softa quarry is a deliberate trick to undernine our borders."

"I appreciate your points of view," said the Prime Minister Nevertheless you must not be intransigent. You must both be prepared to compromise Will you agree to accept arbitration by an unpartial judicial commis-Sion?

The two leaders considered They could not

reasonable

intransigence, "said the Harda leader after a time 'I will accept your offer of arbitration, Mr Prane Munster,

settle this matter peacefully after all And you, "sir?" He turned to the Softa leader

"Yes, yes, of course. No one shall accuse me of intrausigence ever'

'What 15 3 0111 condition, then?"

I require a firm granantee in be in our favour

'Oh come, sir," expostulated. As the weeks wore on, and idea. He requested an audithe Prime Minister. "That is not, the leaders became haggard and ence with the Prime Minister in a reasonable condition "

"Actually I had the same condition in mind," admitted the leader of Harda anily

The Prime Minister reverted to his state of despair "The Central Government cannot see its way to satisfy both of your conditions," he said

Well we have done our best said the Harda leader "It is the Central Government which is being intransigent. We will let the world know that

"There is no point in trying to deal with the obstinacy of the Softa leader "There is only one course open to me. I shall fast unto death until my claims are satisfied."

'And 1, of course, will do the same,' said the other "Good day deaths will be on your head."

refuse without appearing un- by their devoted followers, and began their fasts unto death. As No one shall accuse me of the Harda bulge was under water, a special platform had been constructed, which was approached by a plank. For several days they glowered at 'Good Excellent We can each other in silence across the intervening fifty metres. At night they kept torch lights trained on each other in order to thwart any clandestme attempts to take food. This was Laccept arbitration. My ac- a new and unforeseen hardship ceptance is conditional, how- in the old tradition of fasting unto death and they felt is keenly

Not only does he desecrate The usual one in these cases way soil each said of the other, 'but he also descerates my chawriting that the arbitration will racter by casting doubts on my integrity

> em wated, the double fast found its way into the world's press Journalists from many lands came daily to report the scene and to interview the two contes-Lants

'What are your terms for giving up your fast?" they asked the Prime Minister was delivereach man in turn

'I shall fast unto death" each man in turn replied, unless this fasts," the message said, bour is removed from the sacred soil of our province

the Central Covernment," said ble Even if one or both of ed, and the small oval containthem actually died (which they ang both the bulges will become had no intention of doing) there a Republican Territory, under were a score of devotees ready the control of the Central Cov-Prime Minister was at a loss effect immediately same, said the other "Good day His country was becoming the to you, Mr Prime Minister Our laughing stock of the world, all was studied with care and some for the sake of a few square consternation by the two leaders

GANDHI CENTINARY 1 11 YEAR

"Were sared the pother by guing the whole thing on contract'



There is nothing wrong with our line day of silence"

Perhaps it is his

secret The Prime Minister listsmile

'I will do it," he said decisive-

The next day, a message from ed to both the leaders

You may both give up your 'beborder is redemarcated and the cause the demands of both of bulge of our dastardly neigh- you will be met. Both the bulges of your neighbours will be removed from your provinces The situation seemed insolu- The border will be redemarcatto carry on in their place. The erminent. This order comes into brotherly love towards each

The unexpecteed document

we have something to eat. After that, we must consider it in all its implications

Then friends reverently conveyed food to their lips, and the leaders sighed and belched with contentment

We need not make a decision for a few days. Bring me another plate of sweetmeats,"

While the leaders were thus recovering their strength, contractors of the Central Government were hastening to implement the Prime Minister's order They removed the horder posts and barbed wire between the bulges and replaced them round the oval boundary of the new Republican Territory They established check points and pohee posts on the new frontiers

When the two leaders, replete and ready to carry on the fight, looked around them, they ened attentively, and his face found that they and their followgradually relaxed into a broad ers were fellow citizens of the new territory

"We must go home and consider our future actions," they said, and moved towards then respective provinces. But they were stopped at the police posts

"No one may pass without the correct papers That is a Gov-ernment order," they were told politely but firmly

Filled with dismay the two parties returned Their common cause brought them together at last They joined forces and cursed the Prime Minister, the Cabinet, the police and the entue administration. They felt other But to what avail? They were prisoners in the territory of then own making.

It so happened that the pro-The leaders of Haida and metres of land

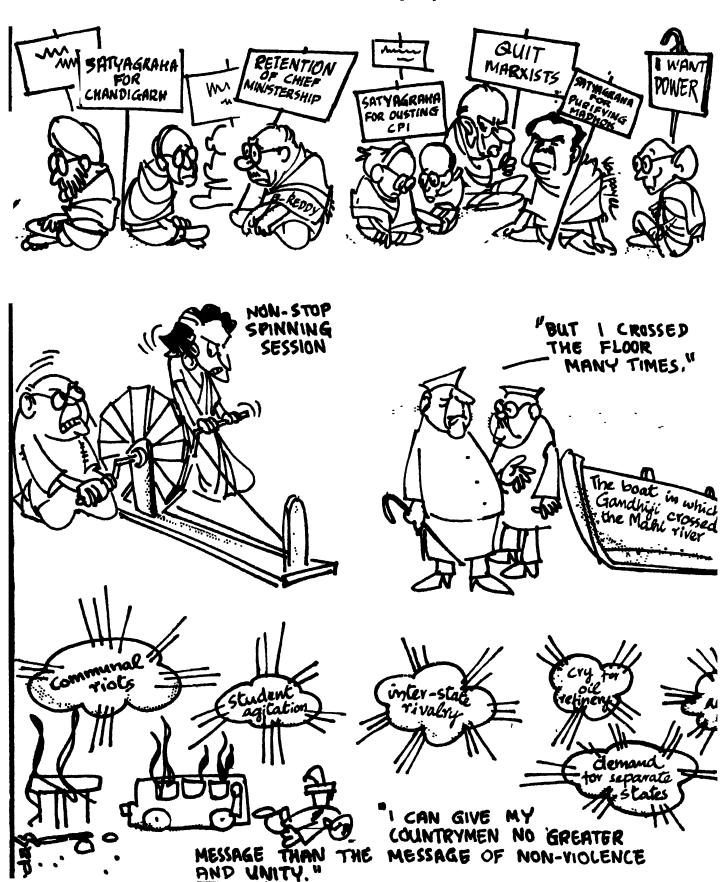
Softa sat in the middle of their

It was a young foreign journation of the can accept it temporarily, while by only a small majority vincial governments of both Harda and Softa were in power absence of the leaders and their faithful supporters gave the opposition parties their chance. They tabled votes of no-confidence and both governments were overthrown The new leaders, men of more mature wisdom and less impetuosity, signed a treaty of eternal brotherly friendship between the two provinces, which was the more easily adhered to as they now had no common frontier.

The former leaders and their handful of friends still inhabit the Republican Territory of the Bulge They have reconciled themselves to their restricted lives, and have set up a profitable four-way smuggling industry

J. C. W. Rust

The Centenary Spirit



Kiss Singh

THE Editor was agitated or tycoons and the monopoly press reporters when something goes the screen if instead of singing External Affairs Ministry would ject at a time when the masses response to urgent summons, tionalisation. The Prime Minis-"Have you seen these?" he ask- ter herself realised the implicaed, thrusting into my hands tions of the sinister game and two newspaper reports

had I started than he command- economic issues whenever hun-

to sleep?

sing in films was sedulously words by the spectacle sown during the abortive visit. The other report was from a to New Delhi of President Ri- weekly journal. It read. "The western films into India had was part of this conspiracy been curtailed. To make up for ver d to prurient themes

"That explains why

appeared concerned, as the have been harping on the sub- awry at home started speaking only about gratulate her on her policies Further deflated, I began to A further proof of the dirty ploy

digest them silently, as strong was available when Kissinger men are supposed to when grave was seen kissing his wife goodtidings are brought to them, bye in the fover of a govern-One of the reports was like this ment-owned luxury hotel in New "It can now be disclosed that Delhi A veteran Gandhian the permicious seed of the mean-leader who happened to be preingless controversy about kis- sent then was shocked beyond

chard Nixon of the United lid is now off Bonn's perfidious States In the visiting Piesi- plot to peddle in sex in India dent's entomage was an official, The West German Chancellor Kissinger, who has the designa- Kiesinger's real name in his Nazi tion of Special Assistant to the days was Kissinger because he President He had met here was an advocate of kissing in some senior officials belonging public. True to his tradition, to the ICS and Rightwing po-hiticians, including PSP lead-ers Kissinger, who was one of way of thinking Documents to J F Kennedy's brams trust, this effect have just been untold the Indian reactionaries carded in the Democratic Re-that the potentialities of the film public. The making of the film, nicdium in a country like India. Kama Sutia, in which ridicule with a large percentage of illi- was showered on India by makterate population should be ing Prem Nath look like a lover fully exploited. He was angry and in which an Indian gul was that the import of sex-laden made to be kissed on the screen

"You don't have to read the it he suggested that kissing be whole thing,' the editor inter-permitted in Indian films so that rupted me. 'You know the drift peoples attention could be disnow. How did we miss the story" he asked in a voice the which editors bring to bear on

say, when I entered his room in are interested only in banks na- sed, "that the Kissinger visit is there was no maja. so significant

corrected.

parties last week If we had like now. that story I would have got a

soon. "I rang up the American rising and that we should have Embassy," I began, "and they more and more human interest said Kissinger was not accompanied by his wife on that trip'

was seen kissing some other

angle "

My immediate reaction was to look for the veteran Gandhian He nearly exploded when I broached the topic "Who told you I was in that hotel? I don't go to places where liquor is served" he said. So I went to interview a bus conductor because they know all that should band and wife teams in the films. be known about films I told Do they like to kiss each other him that an American had sug- even if they are not as old as gested that there should be kissing in our films and in support of his theory had actually kissed an American lady in a hotel What did he think of it?

himself seen the hippies do matter of morals. it right on the streets though he did not know whether they knowledgeable in the matter, I were boys or girls According buttonholed one of them. He to him it also was a good sight was thrilled to hear that an to see the vilayatis kiss in the American sa'ab had named himpublic But he was not a great self Kissinger. They are capaadmirer of the western film. It ble of that He recalled that in was a different matter if you the war days a GI who was his had a friend whom you could regular customer had even a tondle in the theatre while the lunnier name. If he had a son kissing scene was on but later he would call him Kiss Singh, on nothing remained of it He thought it would be greater There was greater fun singing fun if our actors adopted such our film songs which went names as Kiss Dev, Kiss Kumar, deeper than the kiss He al-Kiss Khan, Kiss Mala, Kissini, ways sang them when there etc But if they started kissing were girls in the bus It was in the films what would the harmless pleasure which would playback singers do, he asked last the whole trip But if he nightly. tried to kiss one of them there would be hell to pay. Even on

about it, the actors and actresses "It never struck me," I confes- kissed each other straightaway

But he saw one advantage. If "Not 'is' but 'was' " the editor the college boys could imitate the actors they would stop He went on. "It is a lollipop throwing stones at the buses and I began to read them. Hardly banks nationalisation and other of a story. How I wish we had would even buy tickets while id I started than he command-economic issues whenever hun-carried it. The Americans are travelling by the bus. They ed 'You don't have to read dieds of thousands of people now taking us for granted I would then have something to them aloud. That will send me gather at her residence to con-have not been invited for three do instead of feeling frustrated

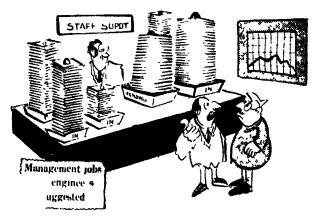
> I realised that the conductor leadership grant. Even you was entering the realm of socio-could have wangled a trip." logy which was anathema to the A few minutes later I was Editor The Editor would alback in his office, somewhat elat- ways chide me saying that ed, prematurely as I realised nobody was interested in theo-

> So I went to a leader to pick "That makes it worse," the his brains. The leader was un-Editor retorted "It means he equivocal that kissing had no was seen kissing some other place in our culture "Do you woman You better pursue that expect me to kiss my wife even m private?" he asked Having seen the lady I could not answer the question positively.

"But, sir," I said, "the idea is that our actors and actresses should kiss each other instead of duetting and dancing

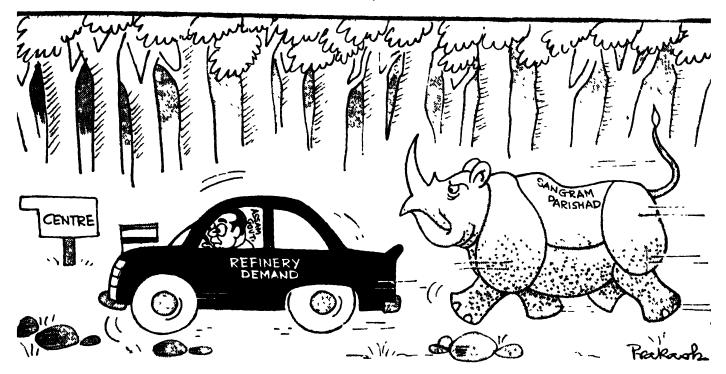
'It is not so simple," he insisted "Suppose you have husmy wife and I are If on the other hand it is a different girl hke the social secretary of-(he mentioned a name) who could avoid kissing her, if allowed to? The conductor's ready reply You see, in the west, nobody was that kissing was common minds if I kiss a woman, but not among the vilayati log. He had so in our country. So it is a

Since taxi-drivers are also ...



"We now employ sky scraper engineers on this job"

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The Assam Government is fully committed to the demand for a second refinery in the State—Report

The News

MOTHER was in a nursing- was enough to reassure me And got itself drunk soon perform a biopsy on her to make sure that it wasn't a case of cancer. The diagnosis would be communicated to me at once Six days had passed since then And now I walked home in all?" I bantered, a sweet case in fear and trepidation. Cancerl The dreadful word punctuated my steps I saw from afar that my front-door was shut as us-"Nothing untoward has come through, I thought, experiencing a certain relief, my pace quickening. Else, the door would be open and would be standing on the top step to shout out the death-warrant the moment I hove in sight. No, God's in His heaven, and all's right with the world

I ran the last few feet, and then up the steps, and then knocked Prema opened the door. I drank in her face. No shades no lines; the customary brightness and buoyancy. That and sound like a rainbow that's

home five hundred miles I hadn't the heart to ask her man. from me. My younger brother anything But suppose she was had written to me hurriedly that suppressing the evil tidings to she had a slight trouble with her enable me to have a cup of tea The specialist would and then relax myself a little?

cheerfully. "Come in

Can a Irozen goose stand at my being.

"We shan't talk about any frozen gecse now. Come in, and have your tea, and rest yourself You look like a superannuated laughed "That is to say, like a draught-horse ready for the rough blend of a warmed up knacker They do work you at goose and a draught-ho Rotting-brain!" Prema tinkled quite superannuated yet away, her eyes twinkling like "Thanks a lot," said the stars in the thyme.

Which do I took like, Tinny's nectar mother," I chirruped, getting in, and on my way to the drawingroom, "a frozen goose or a superannuated draught-horse ready for the knacker?'

"Both '

"And you look like a rainbow

My tea, wo

"Just a minute "Take two."

And it wasn't long before I'd "Now don't stand there like a changed into my homewear and many frozen goose," Prema buist out was giving a glad eye to the hot pot which only Prema can

> "That's the way to look," observed Prema.

"What do I look like now?"

"You usual self," Prema goose and a draught-horse not

"Thanks a lot," said I, and started work on the steaming

"Well?" I chortled, after the contents of the pot had been transferred to the good old in- stores"

"Well what?" Prema said "What's the news?"

"O but I forgot to tell you!"

"Ehr" I ejaculated, a chasm opening in my st**o**mach

"Just imagine iny forgetting

"Will you tell it to me, wo-

No need to bark at me"

"I am not barking at you"

You are Here I am trying to give you some good news, and you think I'm suppressing something hemous

Thank God!

"Bagoomal and Sons have received a consignment of the latest and the loveliest saris in the world," Prema gave me her good news

Good," I unshipped a sigh of ichet

"When do we visit the

"As soon as Rottingbrain pays me the month's wages"

'And they have a too too divine selection of blouse pieces and laces and borders"

Glad to hear it"

"O but how silly of mel"

H m-"

"I should have told it to you first!

That chasm which had closed up started yawning

"Out w-w-with it!" I stutter

"It's something disturbing" Prema sighed

A chill began to run up and down my spine

Shall I tell it to you? Prena

For God's sake do " I plead-

No need to take on so"

What's at?"

thin girl who was here at our twins' last club meet?"

I do "



Don't let the extreme youth of our participants mislead you into thinking that they are inexperienced

"She's been removed to the You remember that ghost. Caesarean. And she's having the case Only some discomfort

> 'Dear God, I thank thee, I thank thee!"

Don't be so dashed senti-Central Maternity Home For a mental There's no risk of life in in The obstetrician's very reassurmg

'Cood "

"The twms will be safely taken out, and the mother will be fme

"Great

"No cause for worry at all "

"Grand"

'O but '

"What's it now?"

"How could it slip me?"

"Something unpleasant?" asked, my heart sinking.

"Shocking Why, what's come over you?"

"Water!" I gasped

The water was brought in I had a copious drought,

"Are you heading for a nervous breakdown or what?" Prema wondered

You s-s-said you'd s-s-something s-s-shocking to tell me, 1 said, feebly

"The maid's left us Now isn't that shocking? And only the other day I gave her my old blouse!"

"Thank God!"

"Why God so often today?"

"Could you manage another pot of tea? I want it as strong

And the second pot was got ready and done justice to. And Prema had no more news to impart to me. And I returned to the normal, and had an hour's rest in bed, and then sat at the t desk to do a bit of writing, and opened the drawer, and, good God, here was a letter from my younger brother! I grabbed it, my liver, stomach, heart, spine, brain, and hair-follicles going freezing It took me time to focus my eyes on the contents and take them in. Mother had undergone the biopsy. The result was negative. No cancer. Everything was all right. Mother would soon be discharged cur-

"Premal" I sent out a waiwhoop to the lady who'd got busy in the kitchen

"Yes?" she shrilled, skimming

What the bloody hell did you mean by not telling me about this letter?

"O that!"

"What d'you mean O that?"

"Well, you wanted news and made me forget the letter in my efforts to give you the news!"

Women!

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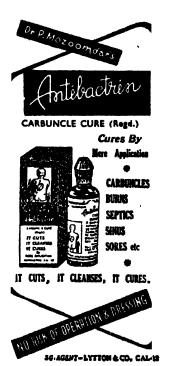
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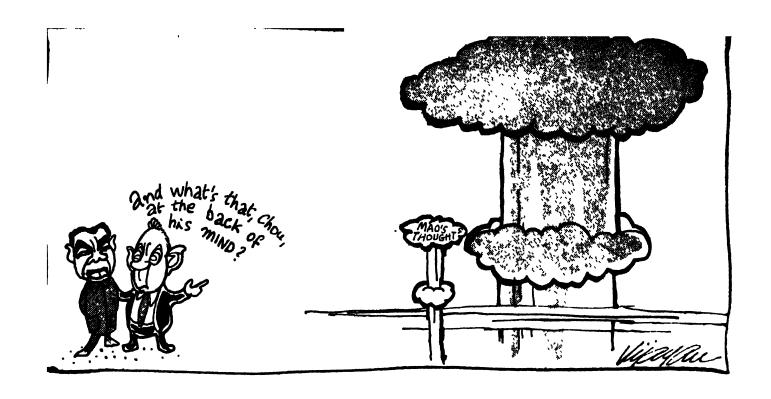
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The Take-off

at the risk of being com- was growing! pared to ancestors who went to Ferry Wharf with their bundles and beddings two hours before there, whole car-loads of them, the packet sailed for Alibag both boys and guls, and calling The young man still has some Hi! claim him away from the formalities to complete before elders. The sister gets lost in he can board the plane for the melee too, leaving the par-America, also get rid of those ents and the grandmother forneighbours and new-found ac- lorn and helpless Never realised he is still a bachelor. Whisper a gook. But to the crowd of quantances with messages to the children had so many convey and letters to carry-arc friends, although nameless new they so innocent as they look? -to their own sons in the States

So let us have plenty of time and turn a deaf ear to cracks about railway station mentality the International Concourse, you in the jet age Plenty of time understand, look down our in progres at one of the for last-minute goodbyes, for a noses at the indication board. Asian animes counters repetition of the Don'ts and Bewares, for one more reminder looking more like Marine Drive to write home regularly, before on a holiday than anything else his friends crowd round him. The same dressed-up promena-Grandmother, for example, say-ders moving round leisurely. ing tentatively "Come back The same gorgeous cars disgorg-(pause, to assess the reaction) ing still more seers-off and sightsoon (another pause, longer) seers. The same queues at mopromise of a snapshot every round magazine stands. month-to see how the beard

START early for the airport, also-to se how the bald patch side, cousins. A wide-cycl little off by repeating the joke that

But the friends are already faces had been dropping in and faceless new voices ringing up to say 'Bye for weeks before

The lounge at the airportsaying DOMESTIC - is now Or myself, extracting a bile snack-bars, knots of people

mece The youngest uncle, him- he will leave Tokyo at 5 pm self recently returned from on Monday afternoon and reach America and filling the boy with San Francisco at 10 am tho sage advice ever since, now slips a few dollar notes (bills!) into his jacket pocket, avoiding the eye of possible Customs in- makes some preliminary cracklformers but making sure the ing sounds, and lets off a string girls notice what he's doing— of unintelligible gobble-deword to the boy to be careful youngsters, used to deciphering about those dollars, to be caught the passystem at Santa Cruz at the barrier now would be (or is it Bombay Airport now?) disaster, in any case, his mother after their dozen or so visits must not know of the dyna- to see off fellow students, the mitche is carrying But nobody message is loud and clear the sees the act of legerdemain, they call for the boy's flight. He are engrossed in the altercation makes his last 'pranams', waves in progres at one of the West his last good byes and is en-

The kid breaks the cacahimself in the presence of mother and two grandmothers sentiment, manfully

same morning

The tannov give out a beep, gulfed in the Customs enclosure

Climb to the terrace now phony, he wants to tell me from where you can get a something, but he can't express chance to talk to lum as he comes out on the other side His sister knows all the best Too grown-up to give way to vantage points just above the choking departure gate and is again our back the sob-stuff Or does he guide But the crowd of friends merely intend to remind me not is already there, and as we to tell Ma that the airstrip at reach the parapet, the kid is was growing; and the young Other members of the family Hong Kong, his next halt, juts striding across the apron to-man's reply, "Send me yours arrive. Relatives on his mother's out into the sea? He passes it wards the sleek plane Wanted





to avoid last-nimute embarrassments? Auxious to get hold of a any way

Walking across—the taxiway swallowed into the belly of the roof-beacon flashing, stands by and the pulsations find an echo another pit-a-pat of the heart as glide back, the luggage carts scuttle away, the fire tender, its the gleaning machine seems to in the clouds, smaller than the

in the mother's overwrought heart Difficult to imagine what she is thinking would she like to go over the runway personally and clear it of any stray cattle? Is she reminded of the tragedy of the Kashmir Princess -fortunately there has been no bomb-on-board sabotage since then this side of Suez. Nor, thank God, has the hijacking inalady yet spread eastwardgood thing the child has chosen this route instead of the conventional one via London, Demonstrativeness is taboo in our society, so no quick squeeze of the arm, not even an affectionate put on her back, at most, a comforting word to reassure her But the boy's sister gauges the situation, breaks away from the chattering youngsters, and clasps her mother's hand

The powerful jets whine to comer seat? Everybody else too life one by one, the great mais on their way to the plane, chine shudders to action and lumbers on to the runway, poiin a crescendo of roar. An an-last moment it gracefully swings now, climbing the boarding sions moment as the wheels re-round and climbs into the dawn, ramp, a last wave of the hand, tuse to let go of the ground our child is on the first lap of even at the end of the tarmac, his journey to unknown un. for relatives, and muttering giant metal bird. The tamps then the huge thing is authorne seen America and the landing gear folds back,



"We've come to enquire into the allegation that you oversalted the food knowing us to be hypertensive

ses for a moment, then takes off head for the hill, but at the birds

is lost in the haze Then back to the car with heavy heart and welling eyes, after somehow managing a good-bye thanks to all those unknown boys and girls who had come Crane the neck and screw up long distances so early in the the eyes till the plane is a speek morning to see their friend off PRABHAT VAIDYA





—FILMS

"The Fixer"

ZEW works of fiction make good films; fewer still if they have the historical content "The Fixer" has not only that, it deals with the much-maligned theme of persecution of Jews Frankenheimer's production (MGM banner) of Malamud's The Fixer is an essay in storcism. The period is the regime of the Czar when anybody against the imperial power, partioularly the Jews, was crushed. Our Jewish hero is ac-cused of ritual killing of a Christian boy and asked to confess to what he has not done. He does not oblige, inspite of untold miseries Finally sheer patience sees him through This is as far as events go But the real problem is not the Jew It is the Man and his Conscience Superstition, religious fanaticism and power of the State work against him. He is asked to father the child though he is not responsible for it For him the dividing line between religious fervous and religious fanaticism is thin. It may These subtle philosophies form the message part of Malamud's enduring creation. As he points out, if you are anti-Semitc, you have got to be anti-Christian Substitute 'human' for 'Semitic' and that settles the

It requires great finesse to flashes of greatness in such seenes as the visions of the Fixer They owe it to the author's couception Frankenheimer's contri-Recourse to the now-familiar man's emotion, to wit, greed metal-clang) is taken once too often The sensitive man has but to squirm in his seat while watching the extended torture Experience.



"Fathom"

Raquel Welch again! This be superstition, it may be time as the most uncovered un-stupidity. But there it is dercover gul and a double agent, that is, as agent provocateur and agent de sabotage. As Fathom Harvill (why Fathom is Spain Result-Fathom Given a query on everyone's lips), she all the situations plus vital sta-mory has a free fall and parachutes from high above the sky into troubled waters A motley crowd surrounds her There is put this across. Which, alas, is an 'enquiring agent' with an absent in the film. There are oriental chentele and chough hardware to slug in, a pair of government sleuths with dubious credentials and a monocled bution rests with creating the collector whose body temperaatmosphere by confining the ture is always ten degrees below Iew (and us with him) and pre- normal and who proudly sucscribing the self-torture for him cumbs to the purest form of technique of David Lean (i.e. The bone of contention is a US words alternating with heavy atomic device accessory (it fell out of an unexploded H-bomb) tagged to a highly-prized original Chinese objet d'art. Can scenes Alan Bates (the Fixer) anything be more bizarie and wears his role heavily and feels complicated? Fathom's entry into persecuted The rest of the cast the fray is fraught with the usgo about in a rather naive man- ual dose of thrills, chases and ner Altogether this is a painful tough work Of course, she always comes a corker

There appears to be a trend in these productions. After getting tired of Bond, Hollywood started with other Bond-brands -Matt Helm and Flmts Then came the female of the species And with it spice from Italy and

tistics furnished by Raquel Welch they can produce plots as thick as sauce and as insipid as marmalade There are, however, two aspects to be noted. The camera work and the dialogue are refreshing. Yet they do not redeem this shallow 'Fathorn'

"Apollo 11"

NASA gives a near-clear view of Neil Armstrong's 'one small step' on the moon in 'Apollo 11' The shortened version is being shown in picture houses for public consumption. The whole event-from lift-off to splashdown-is well woven into a neat fabric by admirable juxtaposition of TV shots and camera views from the Eagle, Collins and the moonwalkers. The flag, the setting-up of instruments, the Kangaroo leap by Buzz Aldrui and the we-came-in-peace plaque-it is all there in view Subtle music relieves jumpiness of shots. As a documentary of man's greatest hour and the tole the questers played, this is superb and will be fresh in me-



The American onslaught

AS I week Delhi witnessed a universal world of culture where becomes notional, the rise and than painting The nearest that International Cultural Centre at list pride But it is quite another cess itself Art as business crea vases of Young Lim Choi His Rabindra Bhavan The fifty odd thing to build on somebody tes an unscrupulous promotion pictures are sparse. They are canvases and graphies are supposed to be representative of what the South Koreans are donot forget, do) The motivations wants. of the portraits of Premier Kim mous power of brash wealth

vield the Korean personality by American experience

show of South Korean con- there will be no room for na- tall of values in art have nothtemporaries organised by the tionalism and redundant reviva- ing to do with the creative proing today. One would not doubt have to be sought elsewhere. at first sight they are doing They are to be sought in the something impressive. But on social values of a people humisecond sight, and a third, one liated and corrupted by occusees in all this the reverse of pation. They are to be sought what is happening North of the at the overwhelming of a fragile Parallel A reverse, in other culture, no matter how ancient, words, of the endless repetition by another backed by the enor-

The severe hard edged abs-For in either case, it is cultu-traction so common in the Ameral dishonesty. These fifty odd rican galleries today might be, paintings and graphics nowhere perhaps is, true of contempora-They are a perilous superstruc- (chinical-analytical art of Ameture on a backward society, pre- nica reflects a certain speed and tentious and alien. They are, one neurosis which are after all very is tempted to say, as unreal and real. And to the extent Ameriphones as most of contemporary can life keeps changing, keeps Indian painting Craft-dominat- throwing old values overboard is however one painter in the as we do in its midst, we never ed, analytical technological and creating new ones out of its lot who despite his Westernism realise the oddity of it all We severe, strident American paint psyche's littorals, American manages to strike some bed ing has swamped whatever there painting changes too It is important policies of pictorial relevance tural Centre realised this was of Korean art expression permanent Further, since it ser- Young Kuk Yoo makes composite the lesson it had brought the The onslaught looks total and ves as a token of investment in tions which explore the geomea society where wealth has ac- try of colour. They are credible It is one thing to argue for a cumulated to the point where it. Most others are designing rather

to have an insight into this of the field It is colourful, and colossal sham, like it is necess departs delightfully from the sary to understand the unfree-rigid craft that characterises the dom and cagemess of commu-rest of the show. One is gratifinist society to understand the ed to find traces, however rudicurious behaviour pattern of mentary, of the gracious and socialist realists While thus we courtly art so typical of that might understand the postures part of the world. of American art, it baffles us. The Koreans are a lesson for that the South Koreans should us. They are a lesson in the have taken after these The tragedy of derivativeness. They candy stripes on the Korean are the proof of how an essenop canvases, shorn of such extually competent display of craft perience, become a parody, can mean nothing in the absensomething done for the Ameri- se of authentic experience. As can occupation forces, or do we said, much of our painting they come on as tourists? There is unauthentic too But hving is however one painter in the as we do in its midst, we never

one comes to the acceptance traditional values are the can-To understand American The subject of the picture is painting of today it is necessary placed somewhere in the middle

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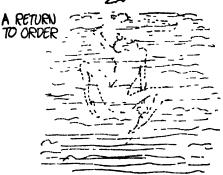
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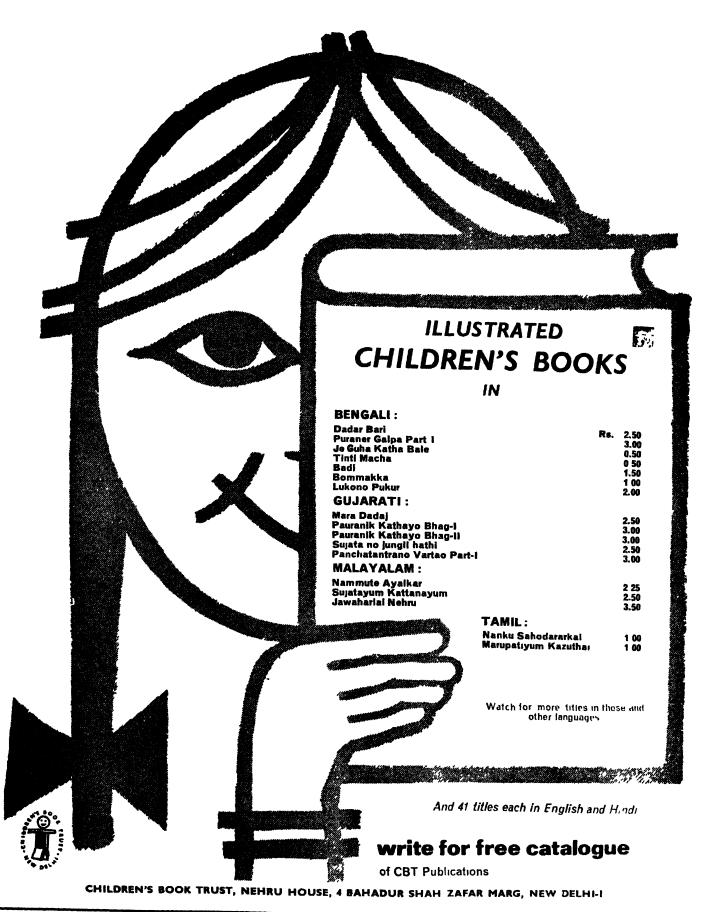


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With effect from 11069 two new trains Chetak Express (Daily) between Delhi Sarai Rohilla and Udaipur, and Utkal Express (bi-weekly) between New Delhi and Bhubaneswar/Purivia Bina-Katni-Bilaspur will be introduced 11/211 Up and 212/12 Dn Jaipur-Sriganganagar Express will provide an Express service between Jaipur-Sriganganagar and will run in lieu of 235 Up/236 Dn on Jaipur-Hanumangarh section

Trains diverted/terminated/bifurcated

Trams No 81 Up/82 Dn A C Express will run via Allahabad Janghai/Vaianasi, 5 Dn/37 Up Punjab Mail will run via Delhi, 51 Up/52 Dn Sealdah-Pathankot Express will run via Jullundur Cantt chord without touching Jullundur City, 59 Up/60 Dn Srinagar Express will run via Jullundur City, 49 Up/50 Dn Howiah-Sultanpur Express/Passenger will be terminated at Jaunpui, 107 Dn/108 Up Jhansi-Sultanpui passenger will be terminated at Lucknow and 1 FTD/2 FTD Delhi-Farrukhabad Passenger at Tundia Running of passenger coaches by 71 Up/72 Dn and 73 Up/74 Dn Parcel Express trains on Moghalsarai-Delhi and Moghalsarai-Saharanpur sections respectively have been withdrawn.

351 Up/352 Dn will run between Saharanpur and Lucknow and onward as No 1 AL/2 AL between Lucknow and Allphabad with connections at Lucknow, 375 Up/378 Dn will run between Delhi and Bareilly and onward as 377 Up/378 Dn between Bareilly and Allahabad with connections at Bareilly, 2 ALJ will run between Amritsar and Ludhiana renumbered as 2 AJL and onward as 6 LJ on Ludhiana-Jakhal section with connections at Ludhiana 2 AH at present running between Amritsar and Hoshiarpur will now run between Amritsar and Jullundur City as 4 JA and onward as 14 JH between Jullundur City and Hoshiarpur with connections at Jullundur City 1 AH Hoshiarpur Amritsar will be terminated at Jullundur City and 349 Dehia Dun-Amritsar Passenger will run in its path between Jullundur City and Amri ar 1 ATF/2 ATF at present running between Agra Cantt and Farrukhabad will now run between Agra Cantt and Shikohabad as J STA/2 STA and onward as 3 SF/4 SF between Shikohabad and Farrukhabad with connections at Shikohabad

Through coaches introduced

One composite 1st, 2nd and 3rd class bogic between New Delhi and Poona and one 2-tier sleeper coach and a 3rd class bogic between New Delhi and Bhopal by 57 Up/58 Dn Amritsar Express, one third class coach running between Jhansi and Bhusaval to be extended to New Delhi on 57 Up/58 Dn Amritsar Express One composite 1st, and 3rd class coach between Farrukhabad and Delhi by 1 TF/83 and 84/2 TF One 1st class and one 2-tier third class bogies between New Delhi and Bilaspur by 78/77 bi-weekly Utkal Express Three 3rd class coaches between New Delhi and Hardwar by 19 Up/20 Dn Dehra Dun Expresses. One 1st, one third, one 3-tier sleeper and composite 3rd and luggage by 215/216 Chetak Express between Delhi Sarai Rohilla and Khandwa

Through coaches withdrawn

One composite Ist and 3rd class bogie between Delhi and Bareilly by 376 Dn/375 Up One 3rd class 2-tier sleeper coach and one ordinary 3id class coach running bi-weekly between Delhi and Varanasi by 6 MD/66 Dn/62DN-61 Up/65 Up/1 MD One 3rd class bogic between Delhi and Dehra Dun by 19 Up/20 Dn. One composite 1st and 3id class bogie running between Delhi and Bhubaneswar by 63/64 Toofan Express will be withdrawn on days the bi-weekly Utkal Express will run One composite 1st, 2nd and 3rd class bogie between Delhi and Udaipur by 203 Up/204 Dn (WR 3 Up/4 Dn) One 3rd class bogie between Delhi and Khandwa by 203 Up/204 Dn (W.R 3 Up/4 Dn)

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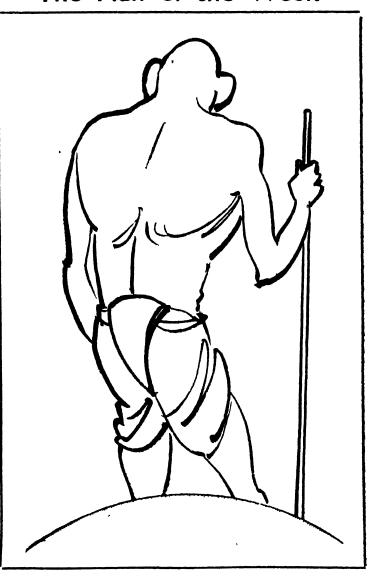
JUST how much of the memorial piety that has reached its crescendo on Gandhiji's hundredth birthday this week is a prayerful act of remembrance and how much snuffling cant? For a whole year we have been working ourselves up, slowly at first but more frenziedly recently towards this day. And yet, much to our shame, there is greater genuine feeling and a more reverential search for a Gandhian relevance of our times abroad than at home. To us he has become a cliche, a name to be invoked without the least trace of passion. The phrase "the Father of the Nation" trips off the tongues of our notas in smug insensitivity. Like inquilab zindabad, it is just another nara.

The final repudiation of Gandhiji was not so much the riots at Ahmedabad but the humbug of our leaders' lament that they should have taken place in the year of Gandhiji's centenary. The implication that if the rioters had a greater sense of occasion and not ruined the one-crore tamasha is as grotesque as it is shocking

Abroad, the need for hypochisy is less pressing. After all Gandhi is not the national hero of Britain or the USA or the UAR. And there are a number of things in Gandhi's view of life to which they turn in their perplexity and find an answer that is deeply satisfying. A society that is sated with affluence turns naturally to a man who preached, for several reasons—including the plight of the millions of his countrymen—non-possession. At the opposite pole there are others like China who have adopted Gandhij's advice that a poor country should not be run as a rich country, that we need not repeat every economic experience of the West, that the basic asset of any nation is its people, and any economic system that does not make full use of it in the pursuit of modernity is a wonky system.

Indians are great adepts at twisting their prophets to shapes most suited to their comforts. It is not only political operators who cynically take his name in vain, Nor are sanctimonious Gandhians the only ones to intone Gandhiji's name in nasal hypocrisy. Hardened journalists, who in their own estimation have no flies on them, write leading articles arguing that were Gandhiji alive today, he would have advocated the scrapping of prohibition Crypto-Naxalites argue, not hypocritically but falsifying him nevertheless, that Gandhiji's philosophy of direct action provided a sanction for their kind of infantilism. None has the time or the stomach for the really tough elements in Gandhiji's teaching, of seeking one's personal salvation in the most literal sense, through social action, of working for a society in which no man will desire for himself what his neighbour cannot have. If this is socialism, the Government of India has not yet caught up to it.

The Man of the Week



PLEASE TURN OVER FOR PEN PORTRAIT

The Man of the Week

T IIE gestures have been made, the tributes have been paid The special supplements have been published with all those advertisers remembering the Mahatma Now ue can go back to whatever ue uere dome

Is this all there is to Candhyi? For well over half a century he dominated the Indian scene In his oun life time he was invested with god-like attributes. His death at the hands of a fanatic helped to canonise him This has come as a boon to those u ho gather 1 otes in his name A god-like Gandlu can be ignored after ritual worship by anomical priests A real flesh-and-blood person firmly committed to socio-economic issues is an embairassment

And so Candlug has been elevated to godhood His livmg words have become exotic precepts. His passionate sympathy for the common man has become a rarefied divine compassion for all living thungs

This is not the occasion to discover how much of Candhi was a politician and how much a saint Obviously it uas to the advantage of the British and Muslim Leaguers to stress the politician as it uas for the Congress to emphasize the saint. But he was never the conventional politician or the self-righteous saint What marked him out from all others was his true vision of a community of people hung in accord with nature, a country that was a hermitage, a people who did not regetate in poverty but hard without fear by placing a coluntary limitation on their necessities. This called

bitter days of partition When Savonarola bunt at the stake it is saul the upper class citizens told one another "Now we can go back to pederasty" When Candha died our upper class citizens must have said. "Nou-we can go back to politicking?

for the highest character and

integrity Gandhyi's one mis-

take which he shared with all

of history's greats was to think that other people were

hke himself They were not

as he found out during the

The Rabat imbroglio

THERE could be nothing Indo-Pakistan conflict at a tend the Islamic Summit. "The more pathetic than Mr. forum where the odds were stark truth is that this was an element expressed try." Patriot, no critic of New might appropriately be describing the plea for a reassessment Delhi's policy towards the ed as the Kashmir factor in the latest appropriately be described to the policy towards the ed as the Kashmir factor in the latest appropriately be described to the policy towards the ed as the Kashmir factor in the latest appropriately be described to the policy towards the ed as the Kashmir factor in the latest appropriately be described to the policy towards the ed as the Kashmir factor in the latest appropriately to as much latest appropriately the policy towards. consistently opposed India's out of it Patriot does not ed there on Kashmir or Indo-apport to the Arabs in their accept the explanation that the Pakistan relations generally." conflict with Israel. The fact invitation was however, remains that the entiforeign policy men who rule the External between Affairs Ministry can say that organising it" they were not forewarned

ou the COI for its medding Express to come out again not of India, and it is they that with the Islamic summit. Well sharply attacking India's supshould be ashamed and not before the conference, it had port to the Arabs. The caustic India" which claims to be a secular idiocy could have led the State has no business to push scintillating minds which conitself into a conference with such clear religious overtones as the Islamic summit at Rabat But then somebody decided that it was not so, after all. Result, there is a flood of angry gratuitous insult the country has been made to swallow by the so-called "policy makers" in the South Block

The Times of India, which had itself opposed earlier New Indian Express protests. Delhi's move to get an invita-tion to the Islamic Summit con-sidered the "virtual expulsion" having at last secured an invitaon reaching Rabat, to keep away from the conference hall"

of India's foreign policy "taking Arab-Israeli conflict, is as much Indian diplomacy. tion of the critics of our foreign taken the hint from the "Syrian tor "unaiumous." Commonsense should have sharply critical of the "enorcism of the Government of told us that when Pakistan was mous distortions" that the India for seeking an invitation one of the chief organisers of Kashmir factor has introduced to the Rabat conference is not the show, the invitation could in the country's foreign and confined to this section alone, very well have not been 'un- even domestic policy. Apparently, this widely felt animous'. It was diplomatic humiliation and all round criti- blunder of the first magnitude Herald. cism is what makes Mr Ahmed to have rushed a delegation herently unsecular about a call for a reappraisal of the headed by a Cabinet Munster Muslim Conference convened But neither to Rabat when we were so ill- to discuss the All Aqsa affair, Mr Ahmed nor the faceless informed about the relations it says This is followed by the

been pointed out that India comment, "Only a glint of trol our Ministry of External Affairs to expose the country to the rebuff it has received at Rabat," speaks for the Express It has criticised Mr. style Dinesh Singh's talks with the words from all around at the Al Fatah delegation and the government's reported willingness to let them set up an office "There is a in this country limit to which grevelling at the feet of the Arabs can go," the

siders that what has happened of India from the Rabat con-is a double disgrace "It was ference "a high water mark in bad enough for it (India) to the mismanagement of the cadge for an invitation to a country's foreign relations." It conference confined to Muslim then goes to ask the question: countries. It was worse that, "If there can be an Islamic summit to discuss Al Agsa fire, tion, its delegation was forced, would not there be an equal case, had it been desired at the time, for a similar conference Note: Items for 'Odd Signs' Pointing out that even some of on the theft of the Holy Relic should be factual and not in-India's friends have let down from the Hazaratbal shrine in this country in this sordid Srinagar?" Only the Hinduaffair, the Times declares that stan Times has attempted to will receive two consecutive. "The only result of this ven-find an answer to the question issues of the Weekly for every,

mto account what happened at angry as any other for the government's bungling According permanently dictated and dewould not agree with that sector, the GOI could easily have termined by the Kashmir fac-India wanted to be at. policy, like the Jana Sangh and and Iraqi opposition to the Rabat in order not to leave the the Swatantra and the Right-conference and President field clear for Pakistan and to wing of the press, who have Nasser's indifference and kept woo the Muslim nations gather-

The Hindustan Times is

The odd man out is National "There is nothing inthose who were Herald's obiter dictum. India was rebuffed and insulted But unlike Patriot, the dis- at what has been called the Rucely has the Press been so comfiture of New Della is Islamic Summit held at Rabat, near-mammous as in its attack made an occasion by the Indian it is the responsibility of others,

NARADA

Odd Signs---

At a Jabalpur workshop for automobile engine heads:

Head repairs done here

On the highway at Sagar in Shimoga Dist., Mysore: Train guard children.

> 0 O

On the rear of a taxi in Bombay:

Keep distance No Kiss O

At the door of an office of the Nevveli thermal station: In' or 'Out' Without permission,

vented and should as far as possible be in facsimile. Senders ture has been to dramatise the why the GOI wanted to at- ttem published .- Ed., S.W.

Retreat from Rabat



The New Arabian Nights

The Tale of the Uninvited Guest

"The details of the Rabat incident, as given by Mr. Fakhruddin arson by the Yahudis in the One thousand and forty fifth Ali Ahmed read like an Arabian Nights story "-Press Reports

IT is related—but Allah knows ned?" The King has had a bad all—that after King Shahryar day All morning he had admione nights in which Shahiazad take a hint as well as any and had delighted King Shahryar knew that the King was perall read, they lived, happily for some time without the loss of sleep involved in night-long sessions of story-telling. Fruth to tell, the King was getting a of Justice. To hear is to obey little fed up with kalandars and I have myself been long thinkthe wicked Ifrits and Jafar-Al-Barmaki, the wazir and Mas-ru, the Sword Bearer of Kha-lifah Harun-Al Rashid, (though stuff that offends your chaste But the Pince of Hindustan the old boy himself was a bit ears I shall tell you therefore of all right) And so it hap a most edifying tale tonight pened on the thousand and forty fourth night, Shahryan told Shahrazad a little crossly, "Look, the delight of my heart, why don't you tell a story that of Princes in Rabat It was a happening is different from all that disguised pornography you dish ed up before we got mai-

had married Shahrazad and his nistered justice, raising some to brother King Shahzaman had office and debasing others unmarried Dunyazad after the til he was getting body cramps completion of the thousand and And so, Shahrazad, who could with the delightful tales we have feetly capable of sending her where all her predecessors had gone, smiled ingratiatingly and

> O Favoured King and Lover I have myself been long thinking that now that I am your

vile act of desecration and fell discreetly silent

Holy Land that they had ille- night gally occupied

to join the conclave was the said, Shahrazad, my darling Prince of far off Hindustan, story teller, I am sorry to say famed for its emeralds and it but I fear you are slipping sandalwood and jasmine and up and your stones aren't musk He numbered among his what they used to be Why, subjects many faithfuls and last night, I could hardly stiffe was anxious to participate in a vawn when you went on the discussions But difficulties and on about the Prince of of a theological kind arose almost from the beginning and from for the Rabat Conference the Princes were on the horns of a dilemma The Prince of Pakistan, a man of respleudent is to obey I shall vet unfold fame called Yahya Khan, a tale so prodigious and marwas quite firm that he will was so insistent that true to the hospitable traditions of the be-It is related-but Allah, the hevers, he was invited to atmost merciful and most com- tend the council And no soonpassionate knows best-that ea did he reach Rabat, a num- The highest digintaries of there once, was a great conclave ber of curious things started

grave occasion, since the Prin- At this stage Shahrazad saw ces were to meet to discuss a the approach of the dawn and Grand as the reception was

After the usual exchange of Among those who were keen endearments, King Shahryar Hindustan wangling an invita-

> Ohl King of Kings, to hear vellous that if it were written with a needle in the corner of the eye, yet would it be a lesson to the circumspect

> When the Indian Prince sent his envoy to participate in the Rabat Conference, the most cu nous things began to happen Rabat were sent to receive the emissary of the Prince of Hindustan it the airport the officials sent to receive him

were apologetic One beautiful table! damsel sang

"For your feet,

a red and black carpet

where one was not wanted

asked to take him straight to say that Allah alone knew. He here since I was not wanted the conference hall

happened in my kingdom?

But to get on with the story, when the emissary condescend-taken to using strange words. Principal ed to inquire what the matter even as your stories are be-palace? "Oh! it is nothing that ginning to fail to grip" health wants to rush you into are called editorials. work at the conference

The other

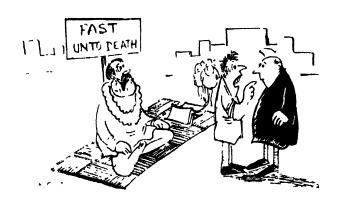
Shabiazad who knew all said after bowing low and ence send you a unanimous inabout the bineaucratic muddle touching the dust, "You most vitation." No there is no quesin Shabiazad who knew all said after bowing low and ence send you a unanimous intouching the dust, "You most vitation." No there is no queshonoured excellency. I have toon of your being unwanted sulted in twelve Abyssiman just been informed that the Nevertheless." slaves being sent to her when Grand Wazir himself is coming she had asked for twelve bot- to take you to the conference" tles of camels milk for the On hearing, this, the Indian have heard the last bit. He hamam, thought it prudent not emissary was greatly pleased said, "Shall we then proceed?" to contradict the Prince. In- and told himself that all those

'What

'Their nerve,'

wanted to say something but "all right, get on with the my held his peace, upon which the story would have, if we Indian emissary smiled graci- And Shahrazad began. And ld, ously and said, "A little rest even as the Indian emissary

first be taken to your palace lately a band of scurillous. The Grand Wazii thought And this here my colleague, writers who presume to judge for a moment and said, "I shall without any concern to make the description of the control without any concern for your the doings of Kings and these be frank with you, Your Ex-most discernible figure was that



He is doing it against fasts to solve problems"

Wazir Prince absently and added,

with our heart's blood and undertaken at such short notice the velvet of our eyes."

This deeply touched the Indian emissary who was smarting under the many outrageous to get here. At which the emissary asked, "Shall we under the many outrageous that Wazir smiled triumphant to get here. At which the emissary asked, "Shall we to company with that this company went to the palace.

After a little chit chat about then said, "Then Your Excellence then warmly And then said, "Then Your Excellence then warmly asked, "Shall we emissary asked, "Shall we ence."

"What!" exclaimed the Indian to get here a little chit chat about then said, "Then Your Excellence the said, "Then Your Excellence then said, "Then Your Excellence the said, "Then Your Excellence then said, "Then Your Excellence the said, "Then Your E The two highest Wazns sent blessed, the ludian emissary we should join the assembled usually issue on such occato receive the Indian emissary rested a while. He then rang princes to discuss the soul-sear- sions began to speak in agitated and a slave ran in obedience ing issue that I have specially whispers among themselves and he asked of him, When come from Hindustan to disterested nomed guest to his palace but had his tongue cut off for ear- my country, who were saying force?" He looked as though he the other said that he has been her indiscretions made signs to that I should not have come

Prince Shahiyar at this stage another functionary of the After the receipt of your fourth and added "it would not have palace was brought before the communication, asking for ad-Indian emissary. This person mittance, did not the confer-

> The Indian emissary pricked his ears, but pretended not to shall I take your leave?"

The Grand Wazir looked the stead she added ingrati itingly, chaps back home who wrote other way for a minute and 'Unthinkable Shah in-Shah editorials said "Your Excellency does not "ditorials" asked look to me to be feeling too the quaried between the two Prince Shahryar at this stage well. How about resting here conference was not of Islamic officials was getting quite loud testily. My gul, you have today? Shall we send for the heads of State. It was intend-Hakım of

The Indian emissary drew

cellency I would suggest that said the Your Excellency do fall ill with a cold or at least a headache. If will save trouble all round"

The Indian emissary was astounded "Do you mean to say," he said "that I should plead illuess and stay away?"

At this point Shahrazad saw policy the break of dawn and fell discreetly silent

One thousand and forty sixth night.

story is hotting up. What hapstay away from the confer- your head after all "ence?"

Shahrazad said, Emperor of heart, after hearing so many of my stories, can't you guess what happened? Why, the Indian emissary said that, won't come amiss after all was waiting there arrived the he cannot utter a falsehood this long and dusty journey Grand Wazir himself and em- about illness. The Grand Wazir

was a case of gate-crashing. After a luxunous bath and a ring for some Morocean wine?" think it is most unfortunate, as dumer that was fit for the The Indian emissary said, "No, we say in the communiques we

The Grand Wazır seemed in-"Does Your Excel-One of them said that his in- am I being taken to the con- cuss You may have heard that leney mean to say that this structions were to take the ho- ference." The slave who had there were actually people in sort of thing has happened becould hardly believe his ears The Indian emissary said, 'Good men all over the would have to put up with a great deal Very well, I shall stay in the hotel and not attend the conference The loss let me tell Your Excellency, is entirely yours

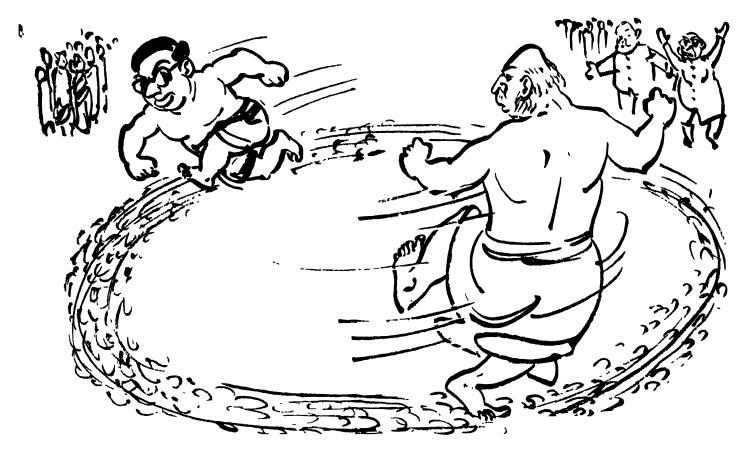
"I couldn't agree more," said the Grand Wazn hastily "And if your excellency permits it,

And so he left The Indian, emissary looked grave for a moment and sat down at his desk. He was lost in thought And he drew pen and paper to lamself and began. The conference was not of Islamic ed to discuss the burning of the holy place and Yahudi occupation of Holy Land India vou exalted excellency should "A thousand pardons, the himself up and said, "You Excellency should be the faithful", said cellency, I have never been ference. Our flag was among that you are tired and should Shahrazad. "There has grown better in my life Shall we go" those that still fluttered ators. those that still fluttered atop the conference hall started doodling, of which the of the Grand Wazir and the Wazır that said that he should be taken straight to the palace. He inked these figures into the shape of Yahya Khan, After a while, he pulled himself and wrote, "We live and learn India must change her foreign

> At this point Prince Shahryar interrupted Shahrazad furiously. "What in Allah's namepeace be on his name-do you think you are doing? I want-"I must say, Shahrazad, the ed a rattling good yarn and you are giving me some airy pened after it was suggested fairy stream-of-consciousness that the Indian emissary should stupidity. I shall have to cut

> > JASON

Tamil Nad Congress bout



Mr. C. Subramaniam and Mr. Kamaraj have levelled charges against each other

Relevance of Gandhiji

levance of Gandhin to our the Communists also use it, the ing to the finish to avoid a split an eye on his bungalow, though times. It is a non-talk because impact is neutralised You haid- in the party while the so-called I am sure if we had strictly folwas not delivered because when Sabha and even if you get in tion of the party, reminciation these would have been no bunstation he realised that he had tership unless you switch sides ages. It is one thing to go to bombard the Housing Minister misplaced the script somewhere at the crucial moment. The villages at election time but to get a larger and larger bun-It was ultimately found in his car but by then the talk had ceased to be relevant

THE leader stressed Gandhithat he provides political sus- at elec-tenance to tens of hundreds of wards people even today, 21 years after his assassination. Let Balraj Madhok argue that we owe result if Gandhin had not been our freedom not to Gandhiji's assassinated, one might ask If nen-violent satyagraha but to he had been living now he Netali and the R.I.N. mutiny, would have perhaps insisted on he ever been a minister? But how many owe their minis- the Congress dissolving itself terships and other political care and would have objected to ers to Netaji and the RIN. many things we do today ratings who had raised the flag of revolt? Do they help you win

As for the RIN mutiny, we don't even remember the names of the misguided ratings whom we once praised. But not so ii's greatness hes in the fact Candhip. His name is still magic at election time, and even after-

This is based on a non-talk elections? Netap's name may be Gandhism. It is quite irrelevant example. He objects to even by a veteran leader on the re- fetching in Bengal but when to our times. Here we are fight-plain-clothes policemen keeping it has not been delivered. It ly get a MP into the Lok Candhians, advocate dissolutioned Candhijis injunctions the leader reached the radio there is no prospect of a minist of power and return to the vill denying ourselves the many op- it we won't get it. If Gandhiji portunities we have in Delhi to had been alive, would be have serve the people

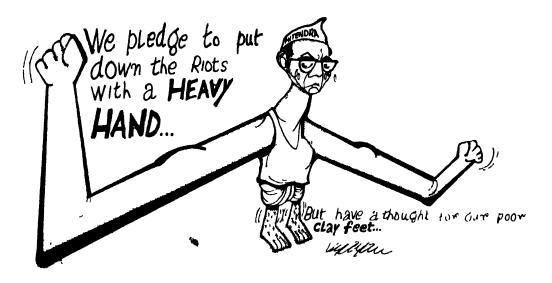
> Take, for instance, Khan Abdul Ghaffai Khau, whom we revere as Frontier Gandlin He is no doubt a great man But is it What would have been the right for lum to say that power corrupts and that, therefore, we should all turn our faces against it? How does he know? Has jumped at the offer of Depute

Secondly, see what happens when you are constantly out of office. You cease to be responsi-That is why I don't like ble. Take Acharva Kripalani, for

galows to live in If we don't quite another to stay put there, galow with acres of lawn around got a bungalow? We should be practical

> Take again the Socialists. They left the Congress and never got a chance to get into ministries, with the result that they have all become jaded Aloka Mehta realised it and Chairmanship of the Planning Commission He then became a Cabmet Minister and has now the distinction of drafting Nijahugappa's statements

See the change which office



has brought about in the Comcharges

Moraru Bhar who is as staunch a Gandhian as others, realised the need of office to keep his ideology intact. That was why he agreed to be the Deputy Prime Minister When he gave it up to keep his selfrespect, he had to think of Gaudhian means to make the Prime Mmister own her mistakes

Kamaraj is right when he says Subramamam is frustrated Who will not be it he loses his ministership and sees no prospect of getting it back? Weien t the Communists trustrated before 19672. Wasn't Ray Naraur frustrated when he was not a member of the Raya Sabha? In fact, all of us were trustrated m some degree or other when pected a landslide decision to the daily allowances of MPs were a pittance. Now we feel better

There is, of course, a different kind of frustration when the students start storing buses and burning public and private proporty. It is because they want in our ancient, country the kind of permissive society which they have in the dissolute. West These are the post-Gandhi generation without the moral va-Nation taught us. It is our duty to educate them in what Gandhip had stood for to train them up to grow into selfless. citizens

manists? Previously, then pole- are not enough jobs to go round? mics were all doctimate. Now Is it too high a price for our they have assumed the healthy hard-won freedom? If the boys that Gaudhiji is very relevant to colour of bandying corruption and girls go to the villages they our times, only Gandhism is not. can employ themselves gamful-Even if they cannot, there

What does it matter if there will be no buses there to burn

So what I am driving at is

Better pluck next time

international prestige re- feelings of solidarity with the gistered by our making our Arab cause) way to the Islamic Summit to promote world peace against ing fault with the masterly way spective, revise—values, widen we handled a delicate situation—the scope—for association—for It is simply unjust. Of course we were not fully prepared for the conference because

- (1) we never seriously exextend us an invitation,
- (n) The Plan-holiday have been enjoying for a long time now deprived us of the services of experts on the spot to plan our strategy,
- (in) Malappuram that we wanted to flaunt was marred, offset, neutralised and invalidated by Ahmedabad,
- (iv) Etc (which includes lues which the Father of the our miscalculation on our standing with the Arabs)
 - (v) another Etc (which has to do with our reliance on Arabic Numerals which proved

DESPITE the great boost our madequate to express all our

Some uninformed observers Israel and in keeping away ask what we as a secular state. from the conference to pre- had to do with a religious serve world peace among the 'summit. We had to do plenty. Viales, carping critic are find. We wanted to correct the per- ly dictatorship) of Pakistan"

the good of the world.

Next time it is going to be quite different. We shall make elaborate preparations for the Jeddah Meet slated for 1970.■ Our efforts to wangle an invitation will start earlier. All emergencies will be thought of and provided for. The pants or chooridai pyjamas will be made of tough material so as to save the wearer from the unpact of any kick in the behind however vicious or unexpected The delegation will be multi-religious. No last minute tush will be necessary, for the delegation will have been flown in to the conference site in advance and strongly entrenched in vanguard positions in order to occupy and defend then seats the moment the invitation is issued. Everything will be smoothly worked out, so that entrance, exit and transit will be carried out with unobtrusive efficiency

After all this, should little Peterkin ask "What good came of it at last?' we won't try to escape with an evasive "That I cannot tell' We will turn round and say, "There you arel We will show the Arabs what constant and good friends we are and how therefore on the Kashmir problem they should be impartial and should not give weightage to the views of the Islamic Republic (present-

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"I've to suffer in order to get relief."



'Karma' in politics

nation. Extend the time horizon, fact did and you will find that the na-

THE learned Professor of Ame-nations to India from the Unit the watch ticked away Presents Americans was at best a halfrican studies said, in the cd States For what lapse of its ly the fast had international re-hearted query course of his discourse, that his towards India was the United verberations also with a world studies had convinced him that States paying so heavily. Or, is war going on and the cause of nations are fully accountable to it that India would have to pay the Allies hanging precariously one another for commissions and for the foodgrams, sooner or An unfriendly India, it was ap omissions, in hard material later? He rejected the latter by- prehended, could lift the scales terms. There is an immutable pothesis because, after all, these against the cruside for demotheory of karma in international were donations for which the cracy. A gesture was needed relations whereby no nation gets. United States would be reluct- from the British to save the Maaway without paying for its fail-ures. If in a particular instance, date So he steadfastly resear-seems to have been es-ched on the former trail to pincaped, it could be more appar-point a lapse for which the What could have persuaded ent than real, either the research. United States was atoning. Once the British to make the gesting is imperfect or incomplete, or it he made up his mind that this could be that the time of re- was the line where truth lay it ckoning has not arrived for the was sine to yield fruit, as it in

Gandhi, while a prisoner in the velt It is mistakenly thought that even the Americans' Who could British jail, during the 40s, went. Roosevelt did make a full-blood- deny (asked), the Professor in For long (continued the Pro- on a hunger strike that has been ed effort to alter Churchill's 11- conclusion) the philosophy of fessor), he was concerning him-called, justly, 'the epic fast' It gid approach. But subsequent karma in international relations' self with a proper explanation went on for 21 days and the historical research (pointed out for the P.L. 480 foodgrams do-entire nation held its breath as the Professor) shows that the

What could have persuaded Churchill's blood pressure was Americans not only paid India particularly sensitive to even a for the food deprived to Gandhsuggestion of advice as far as ji but that they pind rather hea-India was concerned. One man vily, at impurilleled rate of inwas in the unique position to triest A million tonnes per each tion concerned has not, after all, Everyone recalls (explained raise the Indian question with day the Mahatma didn't early skipped what karma ordains on the Professor) that Mahatma Churchill and that was Roose- Who could escape karma? Not

It is true that the Mahatma went through the ordeal successfully and Churchill could retrospectively chuckle at the American's alarum But it also remained true that the Ameracans were responsible for the Mahatma having been on fast for 21 days. Could they get away with it without the ledger balanemgi

Now all of us know that the

SANILY

Counterparts Assemble

find you again, Dinesh! A P-Form young socialist at the helm of affairs, ah! What a gratifica- have tion!

have a fumiv notion that you Workers Party have been, er deranked in Mis Gandlu's Kitchemum'

basis of this wise inference?

AG People think that your sion of Vietnam

the heing very much in the AG And what about the Congress war between the im- many? penalists and the socialists, is significant

Congressmen are realous of my achievements at this age Mis-Gandly deliberately played down my support to fetch their you know support Myself suggested it to her

Kewal Singh Excuse me Sutraditional weather

DS The temperature is most agreeable, humidity optimum and circulation perfect an conditioned Does it meet medical treatment free of cost! your point, Mr Singh? DS We are considering the

AG Been told that the people of North Vietnam very DS Gesture?

AG At the functal Sendmg of a delegation in spite of without adding, 'so-called PL 480 DS I am sorry, I didn't

DS Ah, there was some mean it We don't have the protocol

Andrei Giomyko Glad to Bank was reluctant to give the

 $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{G}$ And why don't you diplomatic relations with them? I think, even your Dinesh Singh So to say, Su. Right-reactionaries need not thank you A generous compli-object. They in Hanoi are not Communist They don't have A.G. Not the least. I mean a communist party like U.S.A.'s it. By the way some people, they only have the 'Vietnam

DS I appreciate your point Mrs Gandlu's Kitchenum? but we think that nothing DS And what could be the should be done which would stabilize or perpetuate the divi-

not being very much in the A.G. And what about the news in the recent intra- Democratic Republic of Ger-

way in fixing international frontiers

DS We matter somewhat,

A.G. Except when it is your frontic.

Kewal Singh 1 don't think I'm afraid we omitted the we have to add anything on this topic Sir

A.G. But surely, you could try to locate the existence of a state where one of your In short, the hall is faultlessly Chief Ministers is undergoing

KS I guess it should suffice, matter ancw, you would, of course be informed first

A.G. Thank you

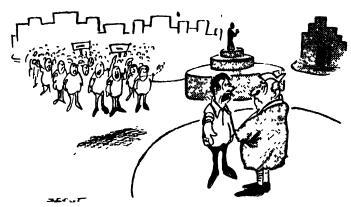
D.S. Su, what is your so-callmuch appreciated your gesture ed Brezhnev Plan for Asian Security'?

AG Perhaps you could do

AG Never mind The plan diplomatic relations with Hanor is exactly on the lines desired Being Cabinet minister, you by Mr Kenneth Keating-that see my going there was against is economic pacts for the rapid The Reserve industrialization of Asian coun-



"I'm also a good spinner."



"They want the Centre to find a diamond mine in their State."

DS I don't deny its longenalists and the socialists, is DS Same applies term spiritual impact on our guificant AG Do you think that the Security But how would ecoterm spiritual impact on our ready neutral between us and onomic declarations guard our ing so much a super power. frontiers?

Nebru should know it better

DS And is the rumour about China and Pakistan being the talks as 'cordial' and China included in the security plan

plan when wolves are included in the sheep?

for which you want China to be at the UN.

of telling you that your plan discuss is merely to gain time till China becomes a super power and you could settle spheres of influence with her?

AG·I am pained, you entertain such ideas

DS Not me, of course Please don't misunderstand A holds that view.

AG Whatever is that see-

DS Ah! I am reminded of else? the Kosygin-Chou meeting We were not informed before hand

A.G. Oh! that meeting? We wanted to keep our options

DS I was never very keen.

AG You know better DS What do you make of Dr. Kiesinger's statement that super power would release many changes?

AG. For example, U.S.A A.G. I am sorry, I don't would be neutral between us know anything about it. But neutral between U.S.A. and talk with you China France would be neutral between USA. and China. when two socialists talk. And you would be, perhaps,

neutral between us and China.

D.S And you have been al-China, even without China be-

Kewal Singh Er.... that AG Partyman of Pandit finishes it In short a new nonalignment era would start

DS Russia has described says they were 'frank'. Which is correct'

AG I didn't say that! AG. You mean frank talks DS What is the use of the between us couldn't be cordial? AG. You mean frank talks

DS. Rather.

AG. Well, you are right. AG Perhaps the same use Since uncle Ho Chi Minh had willed that his successors should bridge the Sino-Russian gulf, DS May I take the liberty we went in and sat We didn't

> DS I am relieved Now. what have you to say about your arms and to Pakistan and what it should mean to us?

AG Just a routine supply. Nothing more Remember, Mr. Kosygin's statement at Calcutta 'We, the Soviet people section of Indian public opinion do decply respect our friend-holds that view. do decply respect our friend-ship with the Indian people and we will never exchange this friendship for anything

DS. Not even for Gilgit or Karachi Port?

AG Of course not.

DS Thank you, much open I am sorry you missed obliged By the way, some Mr. Chou En-lai at Hanoi. people are talking about your proposed pre-emptive strikes on Chinese nuclear installations.

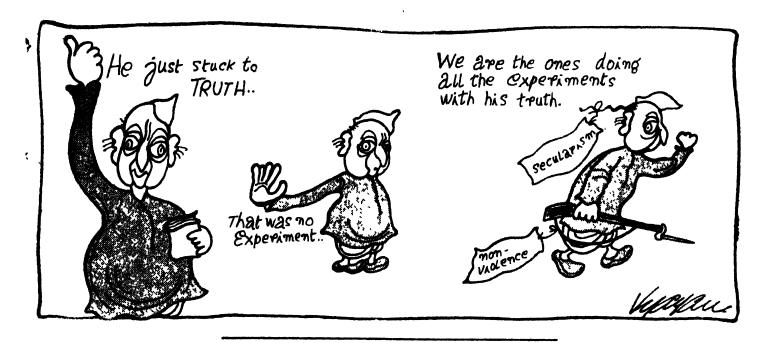
AG. Not that I know of.

DS.. I mentioned it because the rise of China as the third they are being moved from Lop Nor to Northern Tibet and before they move. ..

and China Britain would be it was very useful to have a

DS: Couldn't be different.

JAYANT MEHTA



Centenary Primer

THE current battle for the march Gandla marched for the Nor is it entirely accidental mass base has resulted in repeal of income tax For instance, mass education the people have come to know all about the Gandhis for the first time. They have learnt to distinguish between Ganday, the symbol of the Enduring Commonwealth, Gandhi who nationalised the banks and the other Gandlu who is being fast forgotten.

Let us ask the question, Rama, who is that?

The answer That is Gandhi

Gandhis are How many there?

Perhaps a good many, but I can see only one.

Rama, which one? The one who nationalised the banks.

This is the principle of nearness. Also of the preponderant image in history.

Rama, what about the Candhi of Porbundur?

Oh yes, I remember. Bama, you remember the Dandi march?

remember

Rama, you got it wrong

Mass educators have found it extremely difficult to prevent dominant impressions of our own times from colouring the memory of past things Gandhi, Rama insists, nationalised the East India Company This obviously is anachronistic is the result of a couple of historical facts telescoping one into the other

That is a company

Rama, is man known by the company he keeps?

The company No sir known by the men it keeps

That is well said All men are kept by companies Well Rama, what company is that?

That is the Fast India Com-

Rama, who nationalised the tist. East India Company?

Gandhi

Victoria with Mrs Gandhi with Mahatma Gandhi The image of Victoria is one of absolute and sovereign power. Except for the dissenting five per cent which has consistently refused to assemble on Mrs Gandhi's lawns to congratulate her on bank nationalisation, prompt monsoons, etc., the enpeople have identified themselves with her power In other words, hers is popular power. Mahatma Gandhi's position also, one might concede, was more or less similar He too, in his own peasant way, managed to win the loyalty of the people However, the extent of the loyalty Gandhi won was perhaps less than 95 per cent One look at institutions like the Khadi Board, the Nasha Bandhi Samiti, the Gandhi Peace Foundation, Bhoodan and so on, will suffice to show this One reason for this is that Mahatma Gandhi was some kind of an ethical totalitarian Mrs Gandhi, on the contrary, is a pragma-

As the Gandhis proliferate in the minds of man, the mass educators are faced with the of the masses This error is typical of the problem of defining them Dandi great majority of the students. They are fact d with a rather

geographical Gandhi like the They tend to confuse Queen Frontier Gandhi, The Frontier to us is a raw thing, like an exposed nerve, and we smart. The Frontier also suggests, the New Frontier that is being popularised in the capital ever since the defeat of the Syndicate Mis Gandhi's Ted Sorensens and her Cabinet Whiz Kids insist that her victory in the presidential campaign has brought about a kind of a Kennedy era in Indian politics The Indian Court will have. for the first time, artists and intellectuals, singers and dramatists, poets and young people On the walls of its corridors of power will hang abstract and surrealist paintings. So we ask Rama again to pick his Candhis

Rama, what Gandhi is that?

That is the Frontier Gandhi.

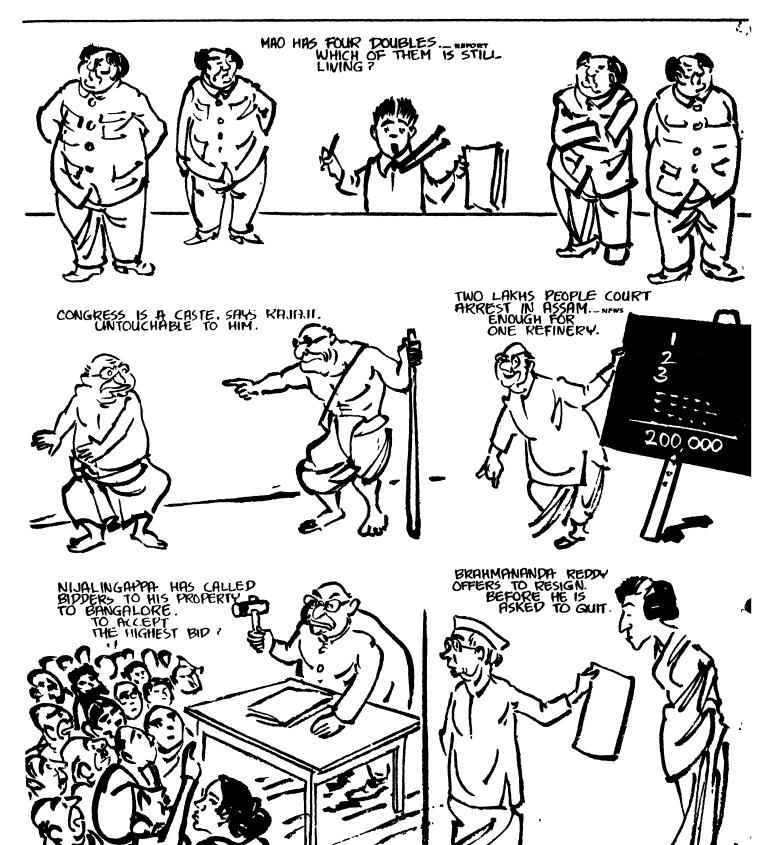
Rama, why has the Frontier Gandhi come here?

He has come to see the New Frontier Gandhi

And so goes on the education

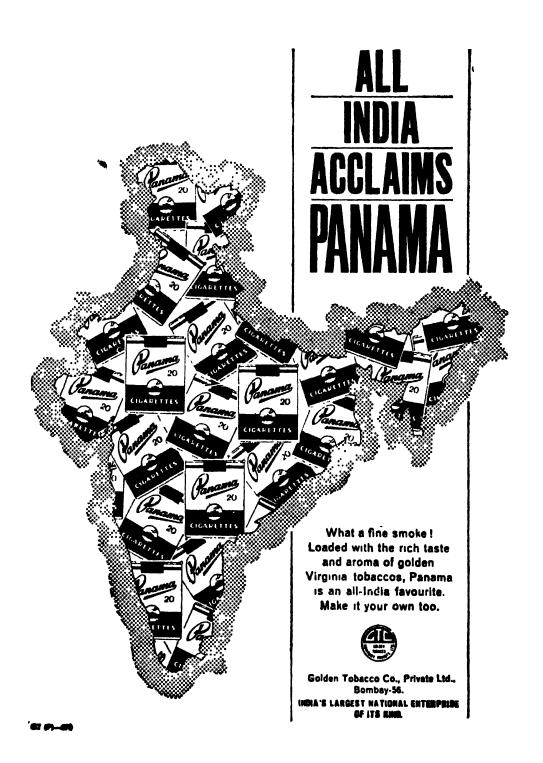
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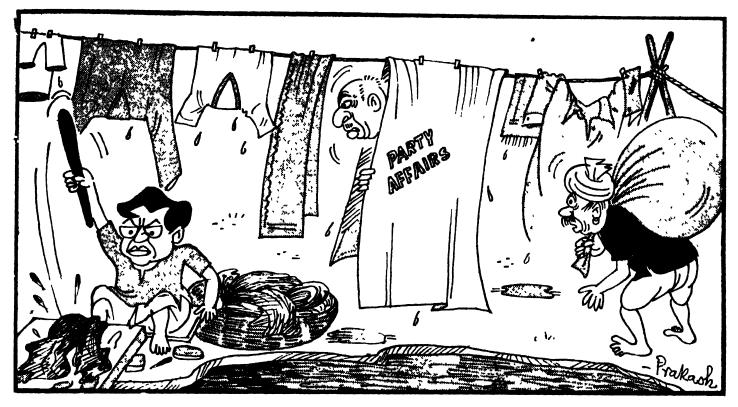
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Shankar's Weekly

Cleaning in public



Mr C Subramaniam who resigned as TNCC president has severely criticized Mr Kamaraj

To the New Father

eh' Glad to meet you Boy or girl? Boy? Baby boy? shore The world has known yes? Well, that's wonderful Congratulations. Baby gils are all very well in their way as born. You were yourself but baby boys are the thing a baby boy once I challenge Unfortunately, up to the moment of going to press, no way has been discovered by science to get baby boys made to order. It's a matter of luck. The Lord Buddha was born a Yes, sir, pure luck. You've baby boy has been singularly lucky, that's and Gandhi I know my hisgods doesn't help. A gentlebeen singularly lucky, that's And Gandhi I know my his-ought to be a home for new about him, indeed, is most exall. Propination of stars and tory Caesar, Nepoleon, At-fathers, and no new father traordinary. Well all this is gods doesn't help. A gentle-tila, Hitler, Stalin, Marx, Shaw, should be allowed to be at time of every blessed (or man of my acquamtance, Aristotic, myself were all born large, till he had returned to a blasted?) baby boy born in this father of five daughters, spent baby boys. A baby boy state of samty and normalcy world. What I fail to under-an inordinate amount of time, though a prize to be coveted, Control yourself. stand is why every father turns twins-both girls So count an inflated father. Well, that's great.

Now don't puff yourself up

money, and energy trying to is nothing new or novel No appease various extra-terrestrial need for you to be uppish and tell me about your unique, hes to everyone he meets or forces. He desperately wanted snooty. Carry your fine father- peerless, matchless, unparagon- pursues. Don't join this army a son. And he got, that is to book humbly and gracefully ed, unparalleled baby boy. of gabbling idiots. There's say, his wife presented to him, There's no father so foolish as You want to tell me that your only one good new father, and yourself among Fortune's min- your stars and be meek and lous baby boy ever born in this your child as a scandal to be ions. Baby boy, to be sure, mild. The greatness has been world. All baby boys are the hushed up, and not as a sensa-

SO you are the new father, like a ponter-pigeon. You way? Ten days? Did you say And now look at yourself, you eh? Glad to meet you Boy aren't the only pebble on the ten days? Yes? Must be look-slobbering old new father You

Thank baby boy is the most marvel- that's a dumb new father Treat thrust upon you by the powers most marvellous baby boys tion to be broadcasted to the that be, remember.

The powers most marvellous baby boys tion to be broadcasted to the ever born in this world. Even universe. Do you hear? With

I know what you're on fire to into a jackday chattering away How old's the brat, by the you were once thought so my phenomenal knowledge of

ancy, phrenology, and all the with new babies other occult arts, crafts, and fathers imagine their babies to sciences, I can predict the be dead when they (the said miracles your celestial baby babies) are merely asleep, and boy will work from now on they (the new fathers) work the will ery for his feed, he themselves into a state awful to his tuning he will crawl along, fathers he will make journes on all. Thirdly, by all means, spend fours, he will balance himself your copper on taking care of toddle, he will walk, run, leap, it on books on baby-care and bound. He will say Ma Baby books are as bad as or and 'Pa'. He'll go to the mu-perhaps worse than cook books. the high-school, the college was made to taxi down to a Hell get employed or start specialist with his gasping inmarry He'll have the world's The specialist separated him greatest little baby boy of his from lifty jupees first then exown So don't start maunder- annued the little cuss, and mg about this one to me finally dislodged an ant from when your baby boy learns to Now imagine vourself torturing Mum's the word

father is a plague Any old up. The books will come in winkum now? general medical practitioner bandy then "Will he th will tell you that he has more

astrology, palmistry, necrom-trouble with new fathers than The new will open his eyes, roll them contemplate and almost imround, and focus them on possible to cure. The Lord, in things and persons, he will His omniscience, should have wave his aims and legs in the thought of some way of giving an he will smile, he will blow us new babies without at the bubbles, he will foll over on same time giving us new

Thirdly, by all means, spend in an eject position, he will your babs boy, but don't waste serv-school the middle-school, I know of a new father who some business of his own. Hell fant by his baby-care, book



"We'll call our resort back home 'Little Muhabalipinam-onhte-sea' when who theever have smuggled your last 'rath' to us

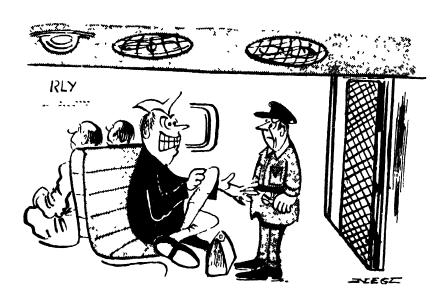
the back of the little blighter lisp, don't take to lisping back out that kind of horror. Speak Secondly, don't be a nervous Any experienced old woman at him. There's no sound so to your baby boy like a sane wreck every time your dear about will serve you better in revolting as that of a grown up and sensible man. Babies httle helpless baby boy shows this matter of baby care than man hiping to his baby. Why understand adult expression, signs of not being well. Stuck the best baby care tome in the does a fully developed adult they get befuldled by adult eves, running nose, gripe 1 ash market. Baby care books care need to imitate his infant's gibberish. God has given you measles chicken pox mumps- more about their own authors broken and halting and con- the power of clear articulation take them all as a matter of than the authors of the babies fused utterances? Baby talk is Use it. Don't go back to your course. Don't be a musance they pretend to care for . If all right for babies, but fright-babyhood. setting up howls about them you have already purchased ful in matture people. Professional Fifthly, when I am unfor-You are the author of a grow-half a down baby care books, sor Randolph Quirk reproduces tunate enough to visit you,

"Will be then? There now! Fourthly, for God's sake, Mumins wipum baby's mouffy'

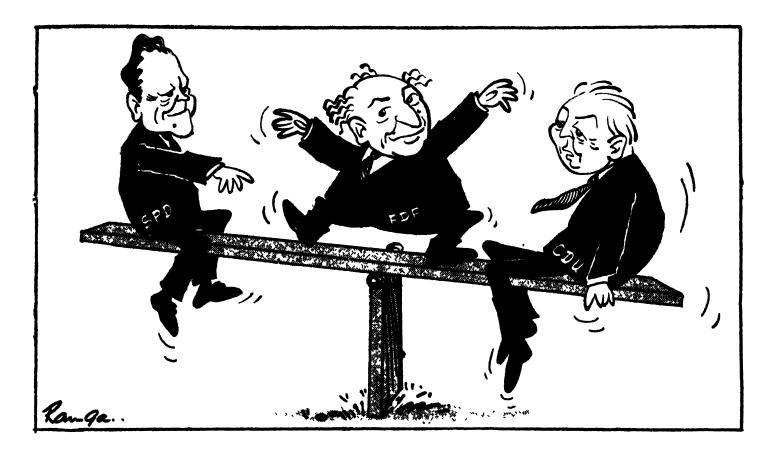
Fifthly, when I am unforing child, not of a block of wood Get that properly drilled into your nut. An ailing in his growth, your baby boy "Will the baby-boodlum baby is a pest, a wailing new will want a lot of paper to tear. having techniques, so Hamiltonian Survivalence and so it baby boy on me and don't ask me to fondle him I am likely to drop him baby is a pest, a wailing new will want a lot of paper to tear. having techniques distributions don't shove your baby boy on me and don't ask me to fondle him I am likely to drop him baby is a pest, a wailing new will want a lot of paper to tear. but as far away from me as possible The last time (and that was ten years ago) a mad new father forced his baby boy on me, the little storm tried to jump out of my arms and break his neck I had to hold him tight against my chest He very nearly up-nooted my nose I squeezed him tighter He threw out some of his mother's milk on my shirt. I loosened my hold on him And then I felt a warmish sensation about my equatorial region, and I saw a dark stain spreading on my new suit I swayed hke a palm-tree in high wind The new father snatched his foul perpetration from me, and looked daggers at me fiend!

Sixthly and seventhly right on to the end, black out your wonderful baby boy; don't floodlight him. Seen habies may be sweet, but those unseen are sweeter

M. A MAZMUDAR



"Honest! I forgot to buy the ticket



The Free Democratic Party holds a key position in the formation of the new Good in West Germany -Report

The Encounter

HUBERT ensconced himself as comfortably as he could Hubert, old chap Did you. That was the beginning of his You couldn't bawl out at your in a chair and eyed the intruder know that Cronin became great career. With assiduity and with partner with a pipe stuck befor having discomfited him.

"Well, well, well, well," said Bill, as he entered the room, trying to cheer up his mate Bill thought that it was the best way friend was in great agony to open a conversation

Hubert just eyed him with dis-'aste, picked up the book by A. J Cronin and started to read "Well, well, well, well,"

said Bill for the second time, who had a great faith in brightening things up, and nothing could be more appropriate than uttering those words of comfort the tortured soul

in the chair, reached out for a tablet Bill's face creased mto a broad smile. He knew that the poor chap was afflicted with ulcer

"So you are reading Cronin," said Bill.

Hubert nodded his head and went on reading.

"Well, well, well, well, firm grip. because of his ulcer?"

You could also become great. Turn your sickness into an asset, old man!

After a pause, he resumed, "take Beethoven, wasn't he deaf? Take .

"Enough," said Hubert, fulininatingly

There was an uncomfortable Hubert twisted and squirmed silence for a while. Suddenly Hubert sat up in his chan There was a gleam in his eyes. The old map on which anxiety was writ a moment ago, creased into a broad smile.

the constant bolstering by Bill, tween the teeth! Hubert winced, massaged his his true friend, Hubert soon bestomach and after a while glan- came famous by turning out a voice as Hubert picked up the ced at Bill Bill knew that his novel which sold more than forty thousand copies in two "Well, well, well, old chap, mouths. Having gained confifamous

With the plot for his next novel unfolding before his mental eve, Hubert had ensconced himself in the new swivel chair when suddenly he heard the telephone ringing Only a moment ago he had lighted the tobacco pipe with meticulous ed himself from the impulse and care and was drawing in the instead, he bit into the tobacco smoke and letting it out through pipe his nostrils with a feeling of "There is something in that, travelling across the United Daddvo, Buster, Mister, Bill," said Hubert, jumping from States of America Judy, his Buddy and Brother' This the chair he ran towards his better half was thankful for it Who's speaking, yar?" was friend and clasped his hand in a Lighted or unlighted, he had it a new one. He had to get

always stuck between his teeth That was the beginning of his You couldn't bawl out at your

> "Hubert Salub har?" said a phone

> 'Har, har," said Hubert, without removing the pipe from his mouth

> Who is speaking, yar?,' said the voice. It made Hubert furious The fellow had the check to address him in a mainer which brought out the ne in him and he wished to bang down the receiver. He restrained himself from the impulse and

While travelling across the warmth and complacency flow- United States to gather material ing through his whole being He for his novel, he had on several had acquired the habit while occasions been addressed as used to 1t

"You are speaking to Hubert, ' in his voice

"Thank God, Mr. Hubert Can you come right away?

"Well, it depends" Hubert

to come over here immediately

Mi Harold, my agent? I have number given him catte blanche permis- "But, this is not the time for sion to deal with the copy such captices," said Hubert "It rights

"I am afraid I can't Please from Delhi to coach the do come as soon as you can Here's my address

room of the film producer. Hu- pidor bert picked up a magazine and ched his bald pate and as he her retime. The next scene is

ambled towards Hubert in a leisurely manner, Hubert realised he said, with an edge of acerbity, that he was in for plenty of discursive conversations

After scratching his pate, he folded his hands, said 'namaste', said collapsed into the chair, reached out for his betel leaves, folded "Depends? But you have got them neatly into small wads and stuffed it into his mouth

"Whatever for", "The fillum starts," said the "Look here, Mr Hubert I producer, "with the princess and went over the whole book of her attendants riding on elevours It could make a great phants through the streets of fillum! I wish to discuss certain Amritsai Suddenly a dozen mmor details which I would not gails emerge, swaying then hips be able to over the telephone and dancing around the ele-Got that yai? I was ceited and phants. There is a close up thrilled by the plot."

That is the one for the princess. 'Well, why don't you contact She starts to sing the first

was a governess who had come Hubert could not finish producer had intervened to say Hubert grabbed the tin of that it did not matter. The hiarich tobacco, hailed a taxi cab tus provided him with an opporand soon he was in the drawing tunity to spit into the huge cus-

After warving the objection, he wanted for a few minutes. After resumed. "It does not matter, a few minutes he saw a man yar. It is the same thing. After dressed in a kurta and pyjamas, a good many close ups, the song enter the drawing room. He re- and dance fades out to reveal the harem. After flinging her moved his khadi cap and scrat- the princess enter the eastle with garments she steps into a bath

The quardsman

"It's a fine time to discover you've left behind your credentials



doctors on strike -

had retreated to a way of life I did not know-selfless and reserved dedicated to helping the sick I had lost him, and I grieved for him, and it got no better .

tub The cameraman would have to use all the ingenuity he could muster to capture her lovelmess in the most subtle manner Suddenly the screen explodes with a raucous laughter The girls scream with fright and scatter about Leaving the poor princess alone The villain approaches stealthily towards her with a mischievous twinkle in his eyes

"But the villain in the story avoids the governess and decides to marry another girl

"Do not interrupt, yar Be-fore the villain could step any farther, the hero enters, wielding a sword There is a sword fight at the close of which the villam takes recourse to flight. He is no match for the hero! The lovers are united and there is a duet in the palace gardens...

story can be suitably altered, yar," ringing in his ears! Well, in the next scene the comedian...."

K. N. Sum

'But

'Please, Mr Hubert Let me do the talking"

He spat into the cuspidor sc atched his pate for a while, replaced the khadi cap and described the various antics that go for humour in the desi fillums and said he would introduce another dance-and-song sequence in Patti, after the shooting of ducks and halt a dozen ducks in Amritsar with the hero astride a horse, followed by a few dance numbers

As Hubert listened to him he was shocked by the way the plot had been mutilated beyond recognition! In short, it had received such a transformation that the plot evolved into quite a different story altogether and Hubert was amazed!

Hubert tapped the tobacco pipe and shoved the contents into the ash tray, said that since What about the duck shoot- his presence was obviated being in Patti? As a matter of cause the film story had no confact the hero meets the gover- nection whatsoever with the ness while shooting ducks in story written by him. Without Patti. She had come from Delhi giving offense to the 'producer' to Amritsar where she falls head by any invidious remarks, he over heels in love with the slipped away quietly, with the hero ."

But please Mr. Hubert, "I am coming to that. The listen to the rest of the story,

K. N. SUBRAMANI

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They came into their own

IJTTAMCHAND'S face was led out his gold Parker from his tongue wagged faster than Boeroat pocket and put his spidery mg 707 signature on the dotted lines

He believed that that was due to his business acumen With another theatrical flourish he passed a cheque for Rs one lakh and ten thousand to the mild nervous seller who careed in the police were hot on his blood. They were waiting for proof to catch him reduction handed with smuggled consists. nervous seller who seemed to ments of gold from the Persian hibition have been praying the whole Gulf The new hideout would time

He felt the elevator cage too small to take his affluent self to the street level He walked with red border was filled with and the car nosed into the huge breeze like a sail. The long two-leaf gate white silk coat with bulging pockets told the passers-by that he was a millionaire His well-

sun. He carried his white Gandlu cap in his hand as if he were saluting himself

his right hand

"For your orders, sethu"

"Home No . I don't want to go home To the office No I don't want to go there gether. Drive to the estate." new

"New estate? Which one,

sethu?"

"Idiot, didn't we go there a few times during the last month? hounds.
The bungalow by the creek." After

try, for he hadn't the breakfast and salammed him with reswhich sethii had

"No."

The word 'home' brought back to Uttamchand years of sorrow To him home was a synonym for Inferno. To go home meant going to a vicious nagging wife and screaming shouting brats He remembered he had eleven and the twelfth was on its un- one solitary ghost but by huncharted way.

He knew she could shed tears wreathed in smiles He pul- and fill a bucket in no time Her

The green document was adorn- 'puns' swimming in a pool of ed with high-denomination tears, and basoodi was adulter- "You've be stamps of various colours. He ated with tears He wondered estate, sethit was pleased to see that red why people envied him His colour was predominant. The millions could not buy him see?" deed gave him the undisputed happmess and peace of mind sway over a well-built modern Hardly had he shut the doors hundreds. They were here for

flats, rooms, and warehouses

pauntily to his black Mercedes- potholes he was jerked back to that you believe in ghosts. Wo-Benz. His spotless white dhoti realities. At last the lane ended men usually do."

better to call it 'The Smugglers' ers. Why are they not here for getting, some eigarcites, the oiled black han glistened in the Haven'l" He knew his wife two shifts a day? would insist on calling the new estate after her name, Devi Bha- a dozen times, your wife was in van. He saw the contractors a rare temper because you've The nervous sciawny chauf- were already there. He was in not informed her about this before inidinght he felt the temtem asked him thrice where he'd a hurry. He did away with forlike to go, but he failed to get malities of folding his hands or message for you. She sobbed got up and opened the windows
a reply. He sat motionless of shaking hands. Politeness She cursed. She screamed. I and went to bed again. In a few holding the steering wheel with was not one of his strong points. I dropped the receiver

Shantilal, I expect you to "What are you waiting for, build the strong room with vou fool?" electrically operated doors within a stipulated time I want your workers to work round the clock Three shifts, mind the "clock

> "Don't worry, sethu, we'll finish the job in record time'

He arranged to get four hefty chowkidars to guard the estate with the help of four wolf-

After three days he went to "Aren't you going for your the estate again but found lunch, sethji?" suggested the everything as silent as a grave chauffeur who was feeling hun- The chowkidais on duty came The chowkidais on duty came

Where are the workers?

'They don't come"

"They don't come?"

"They refuse to come" "They refuse to come?"

"Yes sethu."

"Why?"

"This estate is haunted not by dreds"

"Haunted? Ghosts?"

"Yes, sethji"

As the telephone was already installed, he rang up Shantilal He remembered he got his and gave him a piece of his mınd

"How many ghosts did you

"My workers saw them by

cut down the danger of trans- stark facts. Why don't you pass porting cases to his different the night there?"

As the car bounced over deep here," he snapped "Strange

'Of course, I believe in the supernatural"

"I rang up your residence half

"What a fool you're, Shanh- a cold blast was pouring into

lal! Who asked you to discuss business with my wife?"

"She went on asking probing questions"

"And like a fool you went on nd snswering them," snarled Ut"You've bought a haunted tainchand "It is obvious you're not mained?

"How can you say that, sethu I've lost two wives and have married for the third time

"Fools will never learn," and he banged the receiver on the

Now Uttamehand understood why he got the estate for a song. After all the nervous seller had "You're thoroughly soused, a teason to be nervous till the Shantilal I'm in favour of pro-agreement was signed Any bition" way he was happy After all a 'I'm not drunk. These are haunted estate is a blessing in disguist He wished that the police would visit—the estate "Of course, I'll pass the night ofter midnight for the reception committee would be there to welcome them. He smiled. He decided to pass the night there He patted his Colt

Uttamehand asked the chauf-"I'll call it The Haven," he "If your workers refuse to fem to bed down in the adjoin-muttered to himself, but it'd be come at might get other work- mig room. On the pietext of chauffen escaped to the near-

est tavern to soak himself Uttanichand slept with his Colt under his pillow. A little minutes he began to shiver for

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the room from the open win-had not returned

He lit a cigarette and reclined

coming room but the chauffeur wolf-hounds were whining piteously. Sweat poured down his body faster than his wife's tears on his bed. All of a sudden he He could hear my near a pound noticed two white globules floating. He felt it would burst be thought of the air between the cell-through his ribs. He thought of thought of through the flames through the right through the flames does. The room was slowly get and ghee Through the flames. phenomenon better he switched at one of the globules with a ting hotter and hotter. Hot air he saw a human body burning.

dows He looked into the ad-kidars for help Outside the leaf. Slowly one took the form room was heat-choked. Smoke of a human skeleton and the and smell followed Slowly other a woman swaddled in in-flames hissed out of the oval distinct white Then he under- shape. Angry tongues licked his

couldn't scream or call the chow- the second He'shivered like a horizontally oval shape. The face and body. Then came the

on increasing in size. They be-lanced his stomach as he saw came larger and larger larger the oval forms taking human and larger Uttamehand's blood with fear. He in one, and a woman's head in larger and larger. Then the larger and larger the oval a woman's head in larger and larger. Then the larger and larger and larger and larger. Then the larger and larger and larger and larger the larger and larger and larger. Then the larger and larger and larger the larger and larger and larger the larger and larger. Then the larger and larger and larger the larger and larger and larger the larger and larger the larger and larger the larger and larger the larger and larger.

His relief was short-lived Another globule! This was on the left side of the woman. It too grew larger and larger It too took a horizontal oval shape He began to shiver. The room was getting cooler and cooler. A cold blast and a mouldy smell filled the room. The picture that formed before his eyes was that of a coffin It opened. He saw a woman's body wrapped in a shroud lying inside the coffin Maggots and worms were fexisting on her face. He felt worms crawling all over his face and body He could not scream His tongue was paralysed

Slowly it became less and less distinct and finally the form. completely faded away He understood the skeleton was of the person who was cremated The woman came from the coffin

They too disappeared and from nowhere came a sweet pleading voice "O man, heed this warning! Demolish this house It stands on an ancient burning ghat, which after centimes was used as a cemetery.

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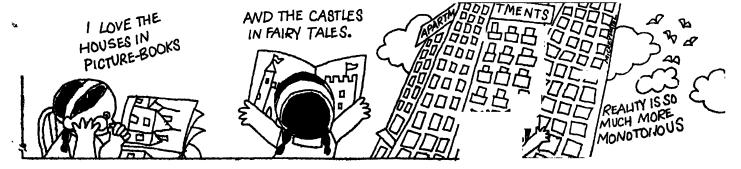
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the Khruschevian liberalisation them to nothing more than britand began concerning himself tle parody, which perhaps was with existential problems. This the most natural way to react to humanistic communism Daniel Then significance however is wrote in a different tenor. He not as great writers who were was a satirist, and he lampoon- persecuted, but as human be-TWO Soviet writers, Andrey work as evidence against him. ed the Soviet Establishment ings who were thwarted in their right to truth, and that,

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> of the voice of Paul Robeson. The answer is no What apparent choice there is, is between false Sinyavsky and Daniel are not freedom and real slavery. This





—FILMS

"Nanha Farishtha"

Vijaya International banner profession of child-lifting (accidental or designed) is fraught Farishtha' When you lift the gets the thigs out in submission modern minion from out of its. This, it is conceded, is off natural environs of toys, ayah the beat. The dacoits are ete, and try to fondle it, you Govind, Joseph and Nazir How are in for trouble. The best else should one name them in thing in the circs is to kidnap this year of years? Baby Rani the entire establishment. That gets the cake for being lovely is exactly what the three dacoits and natural Pran appears less do here. These dacoits are not villamous and more appealing the Mangal Singh (of Chambal Padmini jerks a few tears at ravine fame) genre. They are appropriate places. If one sleck, sophisticated and saitori- ignores the wide credibility gap ally splendid - slacks, moc- in the story and judges this casins, overcoat and top hat film by Bombay standards, one bang 'The Brotherhood' is the sonal triumph to the producer They come unchecked, shoot can safely say it is almost good, story of two brothers involved Kirk Douglas. It is rare and unnoticed and loot undaunted. Particularly so for the fine in the Mafia-Syndicate dispute brings with it the full Kirk none such assignment they sense of colour and photopick up Nanha Farishta Gita giaphy We only wish Director Piakash Rao's (good work Syndicate). The old order does tective Story of yester years). but she wants her ayah-ma too. Johnny Walker) dream of place to the new. Frank haps, it has not been held over. So Covind (Pian) goes after kindly dacoits, imaginative (Kirk Douglas) is in a transifor the sake of the little one mas singing and dancing, comes tory stage For him Pop is forced in He extracts a pledge from the dacoits that

police if the child is saved. (What does the medical code This is B Nagi Reddy calling say?) Yes, they say and lo from the South with the and behold the child is cured and kicking. And the dacoits In the world of desi fillums this stick out the tongue at the is a season for children and doctor and say lollipop to you their kidnappers. That the But the police, clever chaps, arrive there and after a gunbattle in the derelict castle with grave consequences is hide-out, it is the child and brought out by 'Nanha not, repeat not, the police who

(moucha, mota and chhota) and thanks for sparing us from not want to change yielding And for that reason too, per-Gowri (Padmini) and gets her policemen and beautiful ayah-After a little while when the true If is the world, after all, showed the way and that is

"The Brotherhood"



'Nanha Furishtha'



Kirk Douglas

other side strikes back with the mood. This is a per- despair

'Secret Ceremony"

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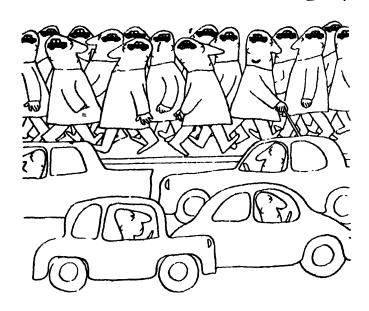
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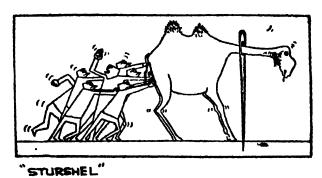
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The Brotherhood. The almost non- cd and mighty mansion and After a long lay-off Kirk existent Mafia spots the traitor gets lost in a labyrinth of they would surrender to the Douglas is back; and with a in the Syndicate and wants emotions from which he and him out Frank is picked up they find it difficult to extricate for the job, for though a mem-themselves. When he comes out ber of the Syndicate, he re- he chigs to the girl's (Mia Farpresents traditional interests 10w) stepfather given to incestif-Frank does his job but the our love Incest here lacks the The boldness of a Metallius or the irony of this strike is that sympathetic refrain of Arthur Frank's own brother is the Miller The portrayals are instrument The most absorb- anaemic. Elizabeth Taylor, as ing portion of Martin Ritt's the middle-aged mother is direction is the constant focus very disappointing. (She said on the inter-relationships and she was happy with her childfeelings of the characters Kirk ren in her personal life and Douglas as Frank gives a one thought this role would memorable performance He is come to her naturally). As the tender without being clumsy, psychopath Mia Farrow is very poignant without being melo- confused. We are prepared to dramatic and assertive without transfer the guilt to the Direcbeing aggressive. Irene Papas tor in this case. This is one as his leading lady is serene, film where the end should have speaks less and conveys more. come much earlier. It comes Music is vibrant and in tune after two hours of meaningless.

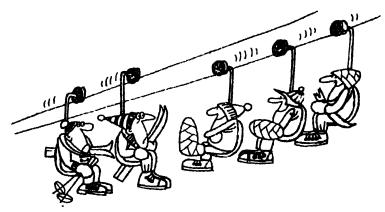
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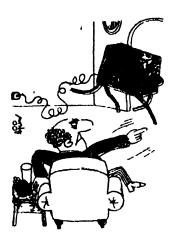






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"Pagla Ghora"

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with two bottles of imported answers he in Sircar's technique liquor begin with banalities of introducing now and then and end up with discussing the the victims of these men, as philosophy of life and death interjectors. The dialogues are Each has an episode to un- almost between these men and burden and does so after ade-quate stimulus. This is the fied by the women We watch outline of Badal Snear's Pagla and do not conclude. In fact, Ghora, a Hindi translation of Sirear does not himself con-the original in Bengali, pre-sented in N Dellii by Abbiyan of his philosophy there is no (The title is derived from the place for conclusion It is Bengali nursery thyme) Three merely matter-of-fact state-of the men have reasons to feel ments no question of might disgusted with love and life have-beens and would-bes There is Shashi Babii whose attrical reference is made to life with Malathi was a failure the pseudo-moralist, the ephand who was remotely con- emetal quality of life is nected with her end Himadii's established, and the antiobsession with principles puts sentiment as an outcome of character. The general philiproceeds at a slow pace and an end to his affair with Mills frustration in love is well osophy of the play that in needs to be done with more

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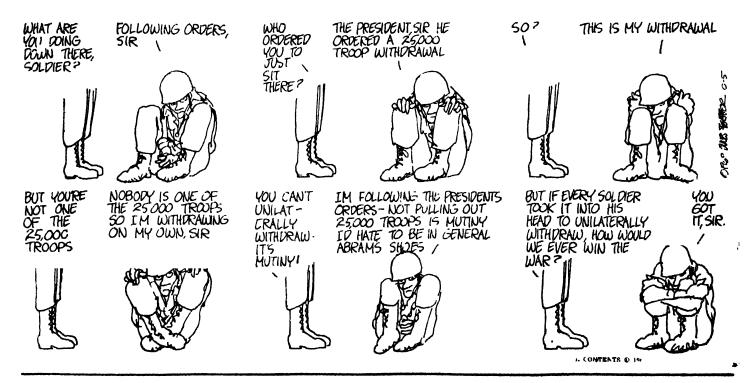
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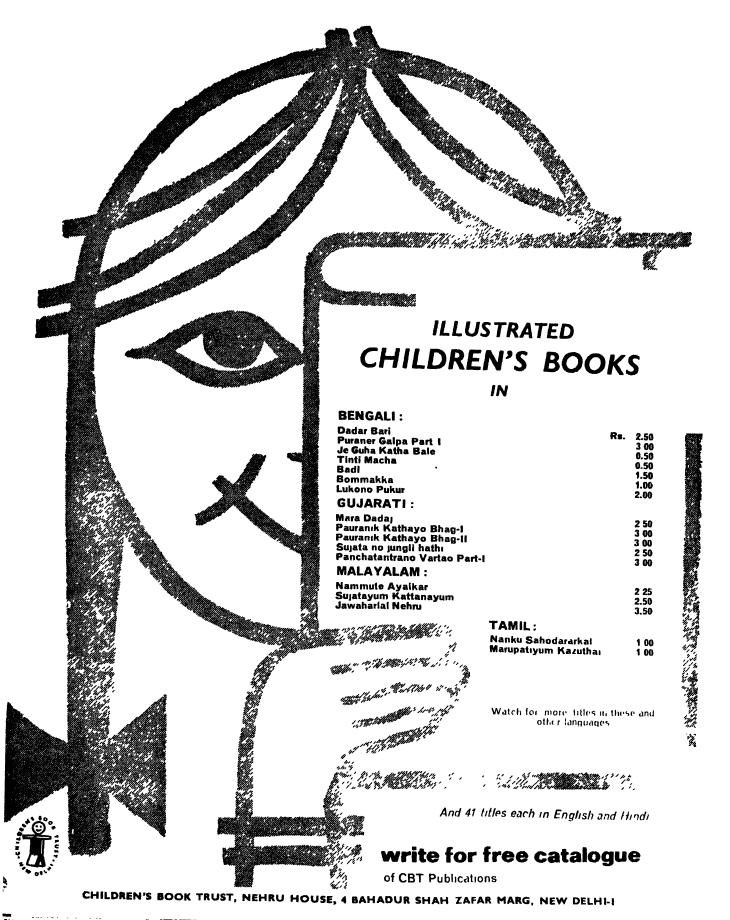
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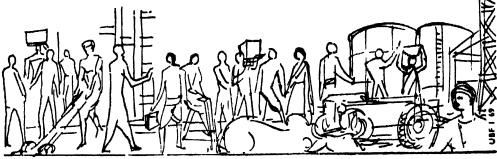
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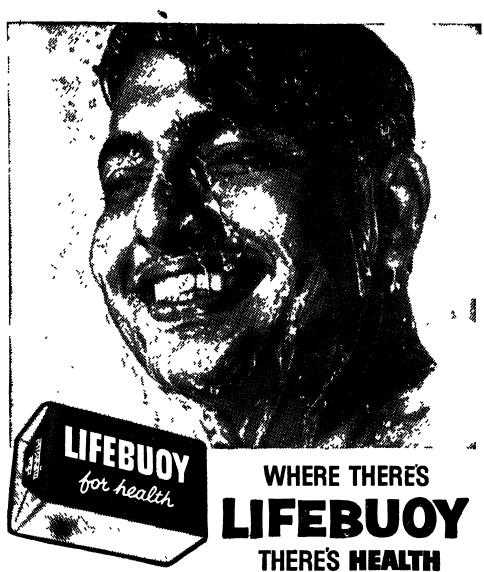
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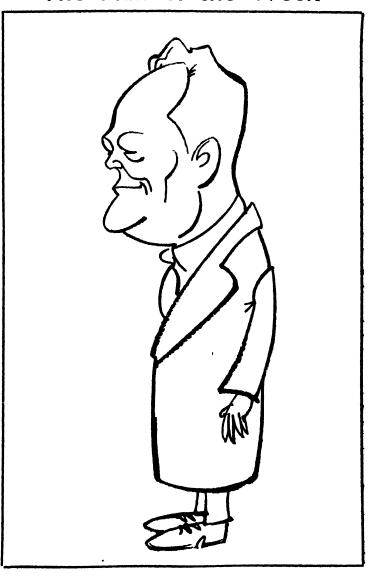
FREE THINKING

THE sublime and the ridiculous exist side by side without the least incongruousness in this blessed land and has long done so. One may even argue that it is our greatest strength. Consider the fasts we have had this recent past. There was Khan Abdul Gaffar Khan who expuated in the manner of his great friend and mentor, the sins of his fellow beings. And Mr. Morari Desai made a gesture that was more trully Candhian than another famous fast of his in the past. And there were all those who fasted in sympathy with Badshah Khan's, with motives that need not be too closely examined. There was then the Minister in Bombay, who made history after a fashion and a point of sorts by declaring that he was not going to fast in sympathy with Badshah Khan's as he considered it hypocritical expiationism. There are, of course, Mr. Pheruman and Mr. Mann with their fasts that cancel each other, putting the Government in the same predicament as God Almighty in Sir John Squire's rhyme who did not know how to deal with the rival prayers during World War I of the Germans and the English for the annihilation of the other.

But seriously, does all this represent the vulgarisation of the political processes beyond redemption or is it that some of us are getting old? Absurd fasts and indefensible fasts have coexisted in the past with fasts motivated by the highest moral considerations and impeccable public purposes. Cynicism about the fasting satyagrahi's secret sources of victuals has been coeval with the fasts themselves. But one has the feeling that the effect of a penitential mortification of this kind was more immediate and more lasting in the past. It is as though we have used up all the moral capital we had. With every new fast for an unworthy purpose, the moral authority of a genuine one gets diminished. Some kind of Gresham's Law is in operation: bad fasts drive out the good ones, or at any rate debase their value.

How else do we explain the fact that violence has not ended in the country after all this fasting? Even Gujarat has not returned to normalcy, with another incident reported this week in Mehsana. And no sooner has Ahmedabad returned to an uneasy peace, than we have sanguinary doings in Namrup. If it is not communal rioting, it is something else, as it was in Namrup. If it is not "outsiders" versus "insiders," it is students versus bus conductors. The pity of it all is that all this violence is unredeemed by a plausible idealism, as for example, a protest against injustice and inhumanity. In other words, anyone who wishes to erect a cult of violence on a premise of philosophical anarchism would find little to enthuse in the Indian violence of today. It is completely sterile and absurd.

The Man of the Week



PLEASE TURN OVER FOR PEN PORTRAIT

W ILLY BRAND'S most characteristic act was to stick to the name he acquired as an anti-Nazi activist, saying that "everything in my life worth mentioning has happened to Willy Brandt and not to Herbert Frahm" There have been few politicians who have had to endure the calculated smear tactics - that didn't exclude uncluvalrous attacks on his mother - of Conservative Germans His Norwegian nationality acquired during the war, almost ac-cidentally because his German nationality had been cancelled, was held against him in the most wickedly tendentious fashion when he wanted to build himself politically after the uar The hounding by the Gestapo was nothing to the hounding of political opponents And yet, from the days of Mayorality of Berlin when Khrushchev built his uall, to the days of Foreign Minister in the 'grand coalition' and now to almost certain chancellorship, the same passion for humanity that made hum an anti-Nazi underground worker has endured.

The new government in Bonn may have many hazards ahead, but Nixon who maladroitly congratulated Dr Kisienger on the results of the West Gorman elections may yet have to make his readjustments to a new Germany. Between Brandt and Sheel, it seems pretty clear that the cold war absurdities like the Hallstein doctrine, long since eroded, will be thrown on the dungheap Even more importantly, the recognition of the reality of the two Germanies and the need for working out a modus vivendi with the East - E Germany and Poland in particular - will bring the normalisation that the insistence on a single Germany would never do The election was fought on the opposing slogans of "secure Germany" on the one hand and a "modern Germany". The modernists have won.

announce triumphantly that it Prime Minister of Britain? will be looked into on merits!

tion, which Harold may call no ordinary event was clear Suddenly it occurred to him any time before April 1971, even on the day he moved to that rather than unearth an naturally his preoccupation is 10 Downing Street Remember answer to that question, the naturally his preoccupation is with its tuning. Poor Edward Heath seems to have tradition also against him, apart from the Pollsters. No Conservative party leader who had not previously served as Prime Ministers of the process of t naturally his preoccupation is ter has so far won an election Britain! for his party An ambitious Tory should first get the top ruling, through the 'customary when he ousted Sir Alec from unmolested since revolutions the leadership that the party needed for victory the cap-taincy of the latter, as the only tormer Conservative Prime Minister still in active business!

Ted's answer to this is that since anyway the customary process of consultation has been given up, the said tradition cannot militate against him But in a tradition-ridden society, there are other traditions against him. No Tory ever became Prime Minister in this century who didn't have a stint at either the Foreign Office or the Exchequer:

Heath's contention against this is not direct. He would rather show why Harold cannot win, which means he (Ted) himself will have to be the victor The point is that no leader of a party in this century won more than once, going to the country as a Prime Minister. To think of it, the redoub-

Between now and the clee- the Queen's First Minister was salesman of synthetic science."

ed anxiously through their So now he puts it to his party position, while his party is still windows for signs of the pro- rather bluntly: if I win the mised technological revolution, next election for you, would it process of consultation," as Sir Alce did Little did Ted realize they could walk on the roads Most of them seem to agree.

THE pollsters have announce 1951 Since Harold Wilson has didn't come through razor-thin cd that Harold Wilson's already won an election in majorities of three. People now fortune curve is showing a 1966 as Prime Minister, how started longing for a revoluter up-trend. Harold of could be do it again? asks Ted tion, not having had a revolution. course has known it all along Heath, and resumes his seat the Bloodless Revolution - that the corner will be turned amidst deafening cheers! But ignoring the intervening Indussooner or later and he is once Harold has always something trial Revolution on the timing more confidence personified up his sleeve, though in this of which historians scarcely As if that were not enough, case he would have hated nor- agree—whereas on the Consome foreigners casually sought mally to use it. As a last resort, tinent each country could some quotations from his shop-keepers, and that made Harold Was a bachelor ever made people sent back Harold with

a huge majority! Now Harold himself started looks as if Europe is not all It is due to this slight edge. Now Harold himself started that important! But Harold is on the score of traditions that looking through the window, no polifician, being the states- the pollsters find that the ebb muttering that so huge a majman he is, he has proclaimed is giving place to the tide for onty could not but yield a rethat if Europe needs Britain, it Harold, heralding for him volution. When it went on will be considered with symmother quinquennium, after eluding him, he pondered how pathyl Let them apply, and it completing the first five years the Europeans manage to have thus month. That his becoming what he failed to as "the slick

> to become a European, where-The British themselves look as Harold wanted quick results.

> > Sanjay

·Odd Signs·

At a police station in Central Calcutta: Beware of motor accessories thieves.

In a small-town shop in Raichur District: No smoking strictly prohibited.

At a bank in Ahmedabad, till recently: Women's savings week 1.9 1969 to 30.9.1969.

At a restaurant in Kharagpur: Test once Chinese Chow.

Outside a farm in Nagpur: Cattles not to be reared.

At a South Indian restaurant in Bombay: Outside food's not allowed.

Near a residence in Hyderabad: Barking dogs are never allowed.

table Churchill never won an Note: Items for 'Odd Signs' should be factual and not incented election for his party as Prime and should as far as possible be in facsimile. Senders will receive Minister, though he did so two consecutive issues of the Weekly for every item published. once from the Opposition in -Ed, SW.

Counting the Stars



The Congress Parliamentary Board which met for 100 minutes last week, could not reach decision on several assues

Two documents

on its own, since people were competition. prevented from feuding by the capitalist law itself. And caping with the emergence of sowho made their money (their 'pile' in Marxian terminology) in alliance with the liberated ton partner, the class IV embed by members of the bour-Hence the continuance of the working people of the socialist players will be encouraged to geoisie. All expense accounts present united fronts for the countries who became First conduct class struggle against are operated at present by purpose of holding power

ly circulated, one by the tives and so on after the libera- Class III employees against the stance of the exploitation of CPI(M) and the other by the tion So with more such capita. Class II employees, the Class expense account by man. This CPI. By a curious coincidence lists there will occur a drastic II against the Class I and so on will be ended. Senior party both turned out to be identi- inner change in capitalism it- When the revolutionary situa- comrades will be persuaded to cal They run as follows. self A stage will come, has tion matures, even Joint Secre- iesign ministerial jobs and join come already perhaps, when taries will be set up against the private sector to strengthen I Objective conditions are the socialist capitalists will out- Additional Secretaries and Sec- the revolutionary forces (Jyou ready for the transition from number the capitalist capital retaries Hanjans, landless pea- Basu to join the Birlas and T. the feudal-capitalist order to a lists Then on they will coexist, sants, the lumpen proletariat, V Thomas to join Hitachi.) socialist society. Feudalism simultaneously engaging them- and tribals will be organised Here they will struggle for top seemed to have withered away selves in relentless economic to launch struggles against the executive jobs, the posts of

2 Economic competition in italism assumed a new mean- the age of space travel and popular fronts means class cialist capitalists as against struggle. The party has not capitalist capitalists, thus ful-abandoned the fundamental filling the prophecy of Karl Marxian tenet of class struggle.

Marx. These were men of Class struggle will be intensifihumble working class origins ed instead, and its area expand- takes various other forms. For over the capitalists in this maned. Thus in whichever state the Party is in power or is a coali-

Class IV employees Ministers will be made to level corrup- for instance From these com-tion charges against one anoth- manding heights of the econoer. Class struggle in our times my, they will be able to per-

TWO documents were alleged. Secretaries, Trade Representation the Class III employees, the these, which is the worst insecretaries to the industrialists, will be complete, as it never suade their respective capita-before was, with so many lists to award higher bonus classes caught up in it rates to workers. They will also be able to influence political 3 The capture of power donations. It is better to take instance, all the boxwallah jobs ner than fight them futilely in the industrial firms today are from positions in government.

needs be re-examined. Perhaps ruling class itself, and all availthe united fronts have outlived able evidence points to a victory their utility. If this position is of the socialist capitalist forces accepted, then it becomes logi- over the capitalist capita-cal for constituents of such list forces. This is a tangible fronts to level corruption and gain of Marxism-Leninism To nepotism charges against one take the concrete example of another. It helps the fronts to the state lotteries, we find that wither away

tinue The chairmanship of Air India is next on the list. It will have to be wrested from Mr Tata who is a capitalist capitalist. The struggle against the princes will also be intensified But the abolition of privy purses in itself does not mean much Its economics is but marginal But the party will the propertied classes. The strive to give it a political content by calling upon semon party comiades to accept privy purses expropriated from the least a draw a day if not more, reactionary princes

revolution is the state lottery It was first started by the Kerala Government (first, in the sense that all previous lotfollowed no dialectical law of ed suit under working class make India more nonaligned pressure. There is a bitter struggle going on within the

all the draws so far have been in favour of members of the 4 The acceptance of key working classes. There were a jobs, meanwhile, shall confew winners of second and third prizes from among the petite bourgeoisie But no capitalist capitalist, prince army general has won any prize so far, despite the utmost efferts of international reaction to computerise the raffles with American computers to influence the decision in favour of state lottenes will be widened into institutions of real mass power, and there will be at so that every peasant and worker comes by his own two 5 Another instrument of the and half nullions and a car After some time there will be is of supreme concern for the from the capitalist oppressor so many of them that the capparty Mark has bequeathed to into health surpluses through talist capitalists will be over

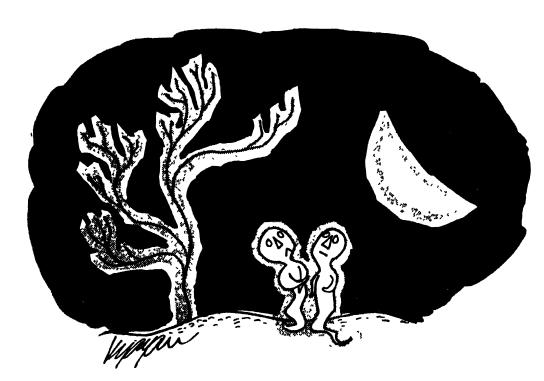
talist capitalists will be over us a splendid piece of self-digestive labour power. Therewhelmed The socialist camp criticism where he laments his fore the party will seek to send teries were more gambles and may be expected to give us having lived on mere sand- all working people to medical generous aid to run the 1e- wiches in the British Museum, centres and rest cure homes in social change) and soon most volutionary and dialectical lot- on error which he ascribes to East Berlin, Moscow, Tashkent other state governments follow- teries, which aid, in turn, will surreptitious Owenite influences and so on. Since in the early

working on him while in Bristages of the revolution the tain 'The working man,' says entire population cannot be 6 The health of the people Marx, 'converts food wrested handled, only Chief Ministers, Ministers, national and provincial leaders and socialist capitalists will be sent.

> 7 Internationally the party is at peace Henceforth the term Modern Revisionist (or Left-adventurist splitter if you are reading the CPI document instead of the CPI(M)) will just mean comrade. The words, while retaining their form, will be impregnated with a new content of reconciliation, which will be in the spirit of the Chou-Kosygin meet and the normalisation of the intervention in Czechoslovakia.

Editor's note

Both the parties have since found no difference at all between them Hence their spokesmen have asserted that the struggle between them will go on, since no reconciliation is possible without differences to reconcile.



"You died in a communal riot? That's something I died in a mere caste riot."

ROOP REKHA



The Congress has relaxed the ban on ex-defectors holding office

THE PRESS

Everyone's Gandhi

THE flow of words has still encumstances." His concept of mood than one of shame and country with indiscipline, violational formula and forgotten tionary. But then it notes that Gandhij's centenary, the Indian people have sinned. But the sins him, the country could not have for too many people Gandhi Express notes "Though a rebel and examples of their leaders observed his centenary in any has become a ritual of dead hand a non-conformist in many are even more grievous and catother style than by officially in- bit "His name has been exploit- ways Gandhi in his teachings lamnous If the leaders with the ments and what have you to give name has been taken Who can to the masses in measured doses the stam of foul commass mind and integrated him munal massacres that have just with the people." The Mahatma The Times of India concedes stood by the Establishment If taken place in his own state of the mass mind and integrated him the people. The Mahatma The Times of India concedes to the trist Indian leader to it is tempting to point to the the Ahmedabad nots have been

wisdom. There are naturally there is a positive side. "If there notable divergences To the is a sense of failure it is because "revolutionary," a 'practical so- from the ideals and standards cialist" and he believed in doing that Gandhiji inspired than in preaching. "Had he liv- Gandhiji is more than relevant that he would have adopted his main an inspiration to India and thinking and teaching in accord- the world. ance with changing needs and

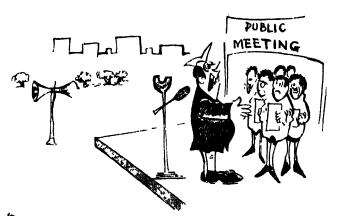
casion for display of editorial Hindustan Times considers that Hindustan Times, Gandhi was a the country knows it has fallen India's ed longer, there is no doubt today. His message will ever re

spired propaganda and pomp, ed for self-aggrandisement while was in line with what might thought of Gandhiji's centenary There are the usual exhibitions, his words and ideals have been broadly be described as tradi- in mind could be shamed into the formal tributes, the adver- forgotten. He has been betrayed tional Indian thought. His idea acting with more rectitude and tisements and newspaper supple- again and again even as his of ascetism and renunciation discipline than they have recent-Gujarat? Harnans and Adivasais take politics to the people Re-lengthening shadow that falls are still distressed. Arrogance calling that Gandhi had the gift between the idea and the realisomewhat disturbing, it has pro-duced more of self-pity and ser-mons.

Arrogance calling that Gandhi had the gift between the idea and the reali-and greed have been placed of keeping men of diverse class-before service. The indictment es, views and temperaments to-towns in Gujarat in the last few for the Press, it was an oc-is powerful. But even so, the gether, that he was all things to days is a sad reminder that many all men, the Express turns to people still noursh the commulook at the contemporary scene: nal hatreds to allay which he "These India's leaders conspicuously tion has brought new hope to lack today The last few months the countryside but it has also have seen anything but freedom widehed the gap between the from fear and hate, never more such and the poor to a degree so than in the inter-relationships which would have dismayed between Congress leaders at the him. The proliferation of contop Their example has proved trols has vastly increased the

are qualities which gave his life The green revolu-Declaring that in no other infectious, contaminating the scope for abuse of bureaucratic

power which he fought all his The growing competition for a share in the benefits of development has given a new political meaning to regional, linguistic, communal and caste All this would have conflicts filled the Mahatina with sorrow if he were alive today. But it would not have surprised him, he knew what was coming As for the Times interpretation of Gandhi, it is stated that from the very start there was an Utopian element in the Mahatma's thinking "That was indeed the source of the paradox which, while givmg lum immense power over the mass of the people, also in some ways isolated him from the harsh realities of political and economic life. He did not see that mere moral exhortations could not quench the people's hunger for more wordly goods



'Nobody showed up! How wise people have grown under our rule

vestment in both agriculture and tive content of Gandhi's philo- in politics" industry to ensure a steady rate sophy and political career was. The National Herald's is the

great the ideals which move in the sense that Jesus was subhim, can defeat the logic of his- versive. Both questioned and and India was inextricably. The Statesman has gone into it which they had been born and ed into a reactionary. He was caught up in the toils of the in- the itenerary of Gandhi after his nurtured." "His successes and the inspirer of effort, the examdustrial revolution which had return from South Africa in 1915 failures must be left to history to ple of endless striving, he is bechanged the face of western so- to discover how the places he count with, let us hope, some ing made a fountainhead of the ciety in the last 150 years. He visited (like Hardwar and objectivity and accuracy What status quo, the refuge of refordid not foresee that new drugs, Lakshman Jhula) influenced matters today for the world com- mism, a moral genius who has no by eliminating diead maladies, his ideas Apparently even memmorating Candhi's birth ancontemporary social significance, would lead to a very rapid rise his 'Himalayan blunders' carry niversary is that few men in all a magician mouthing mantras, a m population which in turn a reference to Himalayan About history strove so hard to be book of quotations, a dictionary would call for ever increasing in- Gandhi's philosophy. "The posi- good inspite of his involvement of thoughts, a talisman and a

of growth No man, however basically moral and subversive most bitter reproach of all

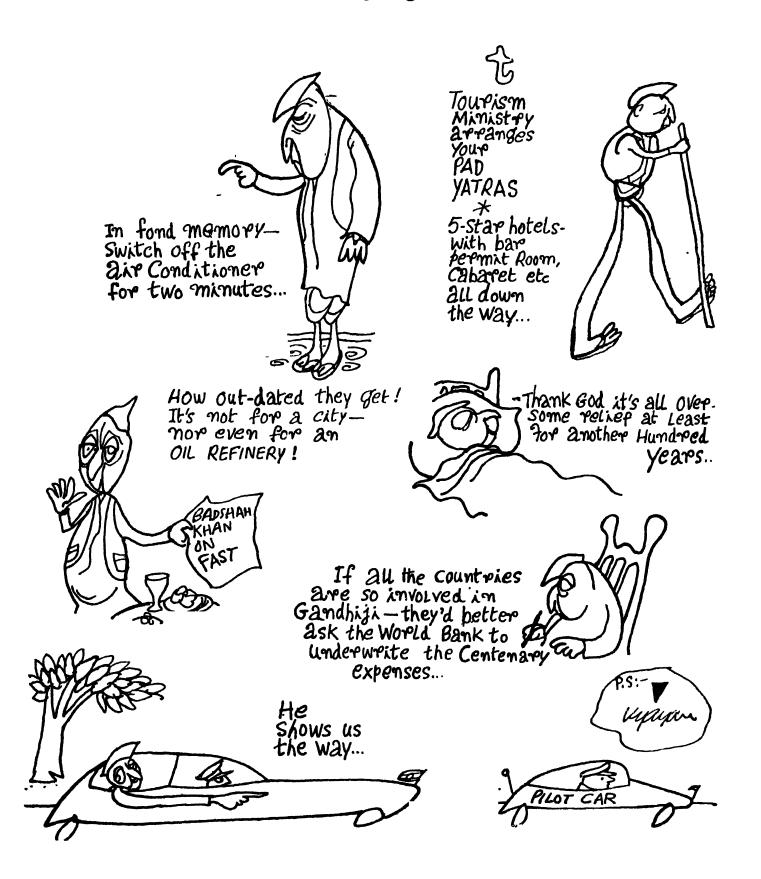
against those who have for-gotten Gandhi and who have conveniently made him a God, to be exhibited, as it were and not to be followed. It lashes out in strong language: "If Gandhi were alive, he would be hundred years old today, and would be killed." Because, the Herald points out, "the bigotry, hatred and bitterness which took a bullet's shape and killed him are still in as intense a form "The birth centenary celebrations will decide whether Gandhi is to begin to live again as he lived or they are the end of him as a living force. . The Herald has put the issue sharply in focus: "Gandhi has first to be rescued from the Gandhians, the pretentious caricatures. . who have developed a vested interest in him. Gandhi challenged the unjust societies the revolutionary is being turnmascot .

NARADA

The morning after



Centenary Vignettes



The return of Gandhi

THE first to apprehend the finishing up the Candhi you here? Darshau pavilions at Raj Ghat tors had complained to the memory in his eyes all of a authorities carlier that things sudden, faraway memory were being stolen from the Then he similed amusedly. pavilions

contractors

I'm afraid I don't,' said the old man

You happen to be working for any contractor? they demanded

Tve always worked,' said the old man Though, I'd never worked for any contractor'

HE first to apprehend the "Too bad, said the contrac-old man were the contractors tors. 'Very well, what brings

This seemed to puzzle the said to the old man. It was night, and the contrac- old man. Then there was

I'm afraid,' he said, You have a pass?' asked the getting it all kind of mixed up There was something about this place which drew me to tractors, 'he was trying to, it, though I've loigotten what evidently'

it was I came looking for.'
That's the trouble, said the contractors. 'So you were looking for something, weren't you?

They nabbed him. He did not protest, but looked amused-

caught, as it were. policemen who came to take cate. The banks had been him paused One of them nationalised, and it was time grew sick

I have a poor wrinkled face,' said the old man. 'And it's familiar to all the poor and the humble.

'Did you steal anything?' asked the officer.

Well,' interrupted the con-

There was no actual evidence of theft And the old man But the policeman protested explained that the law did not need actual evidence Justiman doctrine on which the law here was based said that actions in themselves did not constitute a crime, which meant one couldn't go about without respectable clothes and yet escape suspicion.

It's your dress, said the policeman You aren't dressed Or shall I say, properly respectably

The old man looked at his short dhots over which the old watch ticked away. Again, he was unsure of himself tried to find out where the dress was faulty. He seemd to struggle with his memories 'At any rate,' said he, 'this

wasn't improper clothing in my times. I even went to a certain important conference clad this way

'Your times?' said the policecontractors. men and the That's amusing We never knew there was a time like that. Anyway, had there been one, it certainly was amusing.'

Without specific charges of theft or trespass, but with potential crime in his sparse clothing, the old man found himself in the shelter for the e He lay down to He slept the long, praceful, defenceless sleep of the innocent and dreamed. He dreamed always He had a lot of dreams about the country he had lived in

The next morning there were rumours in town People talked of the strange old man and how the contractors had caught

The Government was annoyed Its spokesmen warned the people not to be led astray by wild and superstitious talk. Superstition was not to be

ly on, looking on himself being tolerated, especially after the But the decisive defeat of the Syndiew sick the people began thinking. Your face is familiar, he rationally and went about without fear of the past and dead things.

> In the night shelter itself there was commotion with day The destitutes in the break home were in a state of ecstasy. and gathered round the old man. Some told them their woes, yet others brought him petitions. Because they all thought that the old man had some magic or divinity and could grant them their wishes But most of them merely sat round gazing long at him.

> In a few days it had ceased to be a mere scare. The political parties had to take a stand, as people in increasing numbers were going to see the old man The Communist Party (Right) reaffirmed its determination to back the Prime Minister in her revolutionary campaign against banking monopolies The Left Communist Party was of the opinion that the old man was a political gimmick got up by the Naxalites to bring the pet alsatians of Comrade Jyoti Basu into public ridicule and thereby jeopardise the Indian Revolution. About Gandhi himself (though the party was strongly committed to a position of not accepting the possibility of ghosts) they were guardedly sympathetic. Gandhi was like the Constitution, a good enough subject for a series of lectures in the Gokhale Institute, or for learned discourses in the grey columns of the Peoples' Democracv.

The Syndicate welcomed the rumour with great enthusiasm. This will prove which of the two Gandhis is genuine, said a prominent Syndicate member. It will also demonstrate to the people how the beloved Bapu was totally opposed to conscience in all important matters. Look how the free play given to conscience has made him leave his bed and walk amidst us again.'

Young Turks close to the Prime Minister said that the hoax was authored by the CIA in a bid to defeat bank nation-Yet Left other alisation. sources said that the old man was an agent of Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan.

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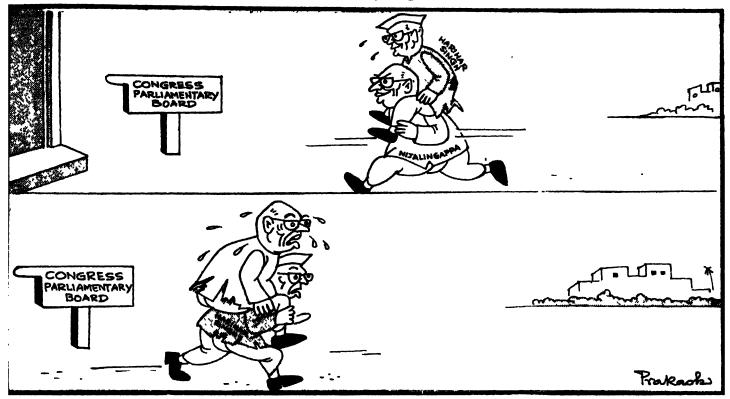
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Pilgrim's progress



Mi Nijalingappa could not contince the Parliamentary Board that a coalition ministry in Bihai right nou wes possible

Mere Prattle

Gandlu Centenary celebrations, as planned, would not help the people to the Gandhian way of life -Kaka Kalekar at ration to the neglect of the statues in the city following their Liu know University

It would, however, help some people to help themselves

There was no crasis in the country, and the present situation in India exists because of internal differences in the Congress to Moscow - Report Party.-Mr. VKK Menon to Meerut lawyers

In other words, there is only a crisis of conscience

syndicate was and who were its members -Report

Blissful ignorance!

There was no socialism or communism in the thirty-two point programme of the West Bengal United Front -Mr lyoti company could not make his work pay.-News Basu at the Oriental Chamber of Commerce.

A belated discovery?

O

The cost of the human body in terms of its chemical content is a meagre 350 dollars.—Di Donald Forman of Northwestern University Medical School in "Science Digest"

Shows how prohibitive is its cost of maintenance.

The Akhil Bharatia Mythili Sangha at a convention in Darbhanga will urge for the declaration of Bihar as a bilingual the state, with Mythili and Hindi -News

To be followed by the demand for separate linguistic states. escalate.

Attention was drawn at a meeting of the Calcutta Corpoceremonial unveiling —Report.

The statues will be encouraged to gherao the Corporation

Mi Harold Wilson is ready to mount a Vietnamese mission

Honest broker

A north Calcutta cinema house showing 'Is Paris Burning?' Mr. S.K. Patil said he did not know what this so-called was ransacked by the authence in protest against frequent breakdov ns - Neus

> The question was 'Why is Calcutta not burning?

A first-class joiner in the UK has been sacked for unnecessarily high standard of workmanship which meant the

Efficiency experts, please note

A senior West Bengal Government official has proposed recruitment of eats to meet the increasing rat menace in the Writers' Building - Report

Wild cats will be better for prolonged strikes

The Bombay Municipal Corporation is not in favour of escalators for subways and at street corners for fear they might develop a weakness for loose garments like dhotis and saris of pedestrians -Report

In other words, they fear the city's problems will further

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Foreign service

IF you did not see him in his to work with him and get takes years to become a bearer work with their own hands but natural setting, serving training for a month - and Look at me. I have worked here it is different. How things fence Colony, you might mistake him for a village teacher remember.

or the venerable care-taker of to a post-card; Jumman, his take me along to England, when I was in terrific hurry I a Protected Monument. He nephew arrived and put down Australia and Canada, but I have blown upon tumblers for as a white beard and his face his little box of clothes in the have been reluctant. I know wiping them clean, but never ed with age has the repose servant's quarter above the my station and I am happy let them catch you doing it done his work well and that Bare Mian's home the last two life may be like in those out the house must be clean at God has been kind to him, years of his work with the of the way places.

Nobody knows his real name Smiths. Late that evening, He is Bare Mian to his em- after the day's work was done, advice he gave:

drinks or answering the door- then to take his place, at a for scores of saliths and every are actually washed or cleaned bell in a stylish flat in the De- much lower salary, of course one of them gave me a good is not so material. It is how chit on leaving the country, they look that is important. I A few days later, in response Some of them even wanted to must confess that sometimes

ployer and to his neighbours. Bare Mian lighted his hukkah the need for cleanliness. The because they are late-risers, not Now past sixtyfive, he has been and between puffs told his house must be spotless, not a like our own people who are working with sahibs, as a nephew what it takes to be a speck of dust, not even under up too early, do not sleep bearer, for as long as he can good bearer and this is the the carpet or behind the doors enough and are therefore irri-Dusting and polishing all day table all the day is no joke Everything must Some months ago he told 5mith Sahib that his sight and hearing were not what they used to be and he would like to go back to his village near Bareilly to live out his remaining days near the resting place of his ancestors. And he asked one favour, readily granted, that he may bring his nephew is first of all, if you have any gleam like a mirror, crockery cspecially Brass tumblers do not show dirt marks much but the wretched glass exposes the hours, banish these from you mind straightway. It will be hard work and everything will have to be done 'sixteen annas one favour, readily granted, in the rupee' No slovenliness that he may bring his nephew is no loke Everything must be in its appointed place, neat and not show dirt marks much but the wretched glass exposes the fauntest finger-marks and no salub or mem-sahib ever likes I am told that not all flower-vase not an inch this of them are as particular about these things back in their own at just the right angle to the wall and curtain folds falling

The house must be clean and tip-top before the salubs get up in the morning Luckily there I need not stress too much is always sufficient time for it

too fussy but that is what these showing right side up people are like and they pay well for what they want done

tween the tea-pot and the milk youd your immediate call of

evenly. You may call it being jug, with the name of the paper duty, no smiles, no knowing are strange, when the mem-

You must learn some English folded twice and tucked be- just do not know anything be-

looks, no nothing.

Even when you know the words and I will start you on salub or mem-salub is at home,

But the ways of some sahibs are you and me to judge others.

sahibs are away. You see who comes and who goes but you" do not see and you do not know Clear? See no evil, Everything must be served this tomorrow. But one thing you do not know anything hear no evil. Also speak no on a tray, drinks, newspapers, you must always remember when there is a telephone for evil, except that among trusted visiting cards, their letters, Even when, after some years salid or a visitor rings the bearers in the neighbourhood everything. If salid wants a you come to know English door-bell. Find out politely there is bound to be some exmatch-box take it on a tray — well enough to follow their who is calling and tell him you change of information but let conversation you must never will see if the salid is in discretion be your watch-word. Some mem-salids also...... but the less said about th better It is their life and who

> If you are short of anything in the kitchen and sahib happens to want that very thing, you are not to let him know or ask for money to go and get it from the bazar. You say, "Yes, Su," and go and borrow coffee or a couple of bottles of beer or gin from the bearer of the sahib next door. He will need your help some day.

When there are parties, there should be an abundance of Some drinks will be things left untouched in the tumblers These should go into a special bottle. You are old enough to know what to cat or drink and how much - but there is the cook, the driver, the sweeper and the ayah. Live and let live should your motto. But there is a limit to how far even the big salaries of sahibs will go and there should be a limit to one's greed. Need I say more?

Sahibs come and go. If you work well, the samb will recommend you to his successor and he in turn to the fellow who comes after him. It is best to work for bachelors if you have any choice. God for bid that you have to work for anybody but a foreigner but who knows what tomorrow will bring. Desi sahibs of good firms are not bad people to work for, if it should come to that. But there are others who may have lots of money but have their own way of life which makes things difficult for poor people like us. For some days I worked for one of these political leaders who used to talk ill of western ways of living but who resented if addressed as "ii, babuji." He liked being called 'sahib,' and he ate and drank some things on the sly.

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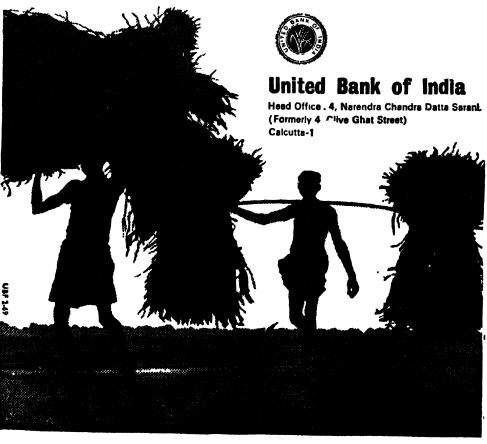
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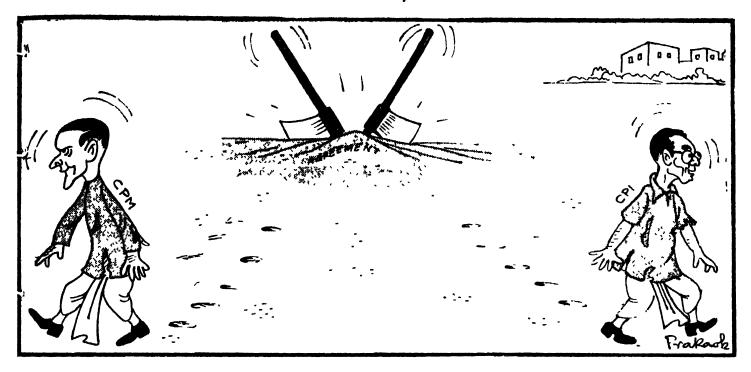
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Hatchets half-buried



The West Bengal United Front has reached agreement on stopping intra-party clashes.—Report

The Lady Speaks

"HEY, wife!" Tinny's father news more thrilling than that morning.

"Well?" I said, envying him his leisure and ease in the yielding and roomy leathern

"Why do you look so miserable?" he asked

"You ought to know," I said, bitterly.

"Why so bitter, Prema?"

"You don't expect your wife to be honey-sweet when you are blind and deaf to her troubles, do you?"

"Blind and deaf?"

"Blind as a bat and deaf as an adder.'

"That's strong language, Prema. What troubles can you possibly have?" the man said

"Husbands!" I couldn't help snapping.

"Now, now, now Do let me know what's eating you up, Prema."

"The maid's left."

let fly at me that cloudy of Armstrong's landing on the moon But this is it The maid's left? Well, that beats Armstrong hollow. Good riddance for bad rubbish. Happiness, at last!"

> There's no limit to the silliness of husbands.

> "My heavy household work has now been trebled " I pointed out to my good-for-nothing. "That's your idea of happiness,

"I'm sorry, Prema," the man said meckly said meckly "That young witch was so bad, anything else looked good to me."

"What's the good of your being sorry? I'm being slavedriven at present And all that you can do is to sit there warming that chair of yours"

He gave me a vacant look He always gives me a vacant look when he's nonplussed.

"What do you expect me to do?" he thought it wise to ask me at last

"I thought there couldn't be helping hand," I told him

"But I've got to get that paper on Shelley ready for the things at the tap and wiping Rottingbiain seminar," he them clean and dry," I assigned yelped

"That paper can wait," I took a firm stand. These hubbies don't understand soft manners got to be firm with You've them Don't stand any nonsense from your caveman, I

"B-B-B-," the man stuttered.

"Tinny's father!" I admonished him

"Can't you find out a new maid for yourself?" he groaned

"No," I told him "It's easier to land on the moon than to get a new maid Besides, I haven't the time to go ahunting for a new maid My club function's coming off tomorrow afternoon, and there'll be twelve people to feed, and there's all that crockery to be washed and kept ready Tea and snack things for twelve, don't you know

"Where do I com in?" my "I expect you to lend me a man asked, looking very much like an exasperated parrot

"You're washing all those the task to my earthly burden. Sorry, if you don't like this expression. But worse things have been said about me by

All "Washing and wiping! those cups and saucers!" the gent gasped

"And plates and pots and spoons and knives and forks and so on and so forth," I enlightened him

"Mc!"

"What do you take me for" Your maidservant?

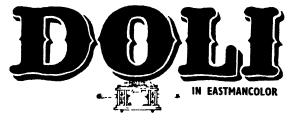
"How I wish you were my maidservant just now!" I exclaimed Don't raise your eyebrows There are moments in a busy housewife's life when she considers a maid a grim necessity and a husband a silly superfluty She'd barter away her husband for a maid. you are a busy housewife, you know this

"I'll be damned if I serve you

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"What about my club meet?" I asked

"Cancel it"

"My club meet cannot be cancelled"

"I cannot slave for your club meet '

"You refuse to help me?"

you in your treat to all those panted forth ghastly female associates of yours While I am prepared to go through fire and water to see you comfortable, Prema, I am resolved not even to lift my little finger to save those witches if they were all dying looked away from me. in ditches"

That's your husband for you "Is that final?" I sighed in

heartless one replied

deep despair

self to the bone?

'No one ever died of work"

to sob, making a tear spring up his wife

"That's sensible," my useless one remarked with a coldness an ice cube might have envied

The sordid male! I left him seemed amused The Don't look scandalized. The cad! husbands are cads. If mine is less of a cad than most, its because I've been continually subjecting him to civilising processes.

That afternoon we called on Kavita and her good-Kavita for-nothing Kirit are our new next-door neighbours So disconcertingly young and in-experienced! To my husband, Kavita is the last word in innocent beauty You ought to see him staring at Kavita, forat him staring at Kavita. It's a treat Of course, I know how the man within normal limits without his having the slightest inkling of it Husbands need handling, if you know what I

It was young Kavita who opened the door, My man gaped

as your maid," the man flared at her in befuddled admiration. · She was all dusty and dishevelled, and therefore particularly bewitching to him.

"Why what's on?"

"We're having some guests tomorrow, and must put everything in order today Unfortunately, our maid's down with flu, and we must shift for our-"I refuse to cooperate with selves Come in," the tired girl

> "Where's Kırıt?" Tinny's father asked her, as we got in.

"In the kitchen," Kavita said, washing things.

I looked at my husband, he

"You need rest," he said to Kavita The roguel

"But there's such a lot to do, and the time's so short, and "That is final And flat," the thank God, Kirit's helping mel"

"I'll help you, too. After all, "Suppose I die working my- I've nothing to do at present. Prema, you two take your ease in the drawing-room. I'll join "That's soulless!" I pretended young Kirit in the kitchen and see everything spick and span m my right eye You ought to in less than no time Work, know the art. Tears are great hol" And the man almost disthings I have seen an army integrated from before us We man turned into a blob of jelly rested in the drawing-room by two tears conjured up by I've never known my man up and about so He washed, he wiped, he swept, he dusted, he polished till he was a heap of grime and sweat himself! But the house and all its goods and appointments were soon in apin a huge huff, not forgetting ple-pic order, and we left Kavita, to look back at him. The man a very grateful Kavita and a still more grateful Kirit, in the evening

> "Why, when did you clean up all that crockery and all those things?" Tinny's father asked me next morning in the kıtchen

"I didn't clean them," I told'

"Then who did?"

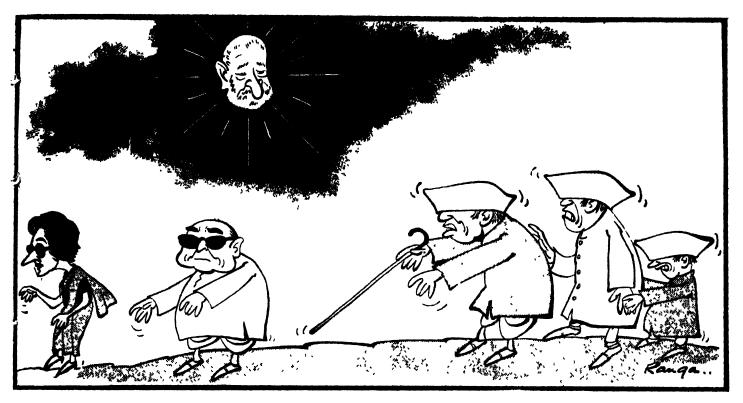
"You"

"Me!"

"All those things you washed and wiped at Kavita's yestergetful of everyone else staring day were ours-these. A little understanding between and Kavita, and I got the things to hold in the reins and keep transferred from here to hers You left me no other Thanks awfully, however."

> You ought to have seen the man swallowing hard. Menl

> > M. A. MAZMUDAR



The world assembly for the welfare of the blind opened in Delhi last week

Crown Jewels

ridden to his son, "and the steeds are done up" He looked with pride at the proudly arched neck of his stallion with his wind-swept

"These Arabs are still good for a few more miles," said Raffinddin

As they rode, the sound of the galloping streds was music to the ears of Amir Khan. He heard the refrain Crown Jewels for Amir Khan The music nded away when they stopped Inder a spreading jambour

Amir Khan sighted the scorching sands of Rajasthan a few miles away. He approached a pool of limpid water. He bent down to quench his thirst, and to wash his sweating hands and Ince. He saw his face reflected on the ripple-free surface. A stern masterly face with two bloodshot eyes, a bull's neck and nostrils, a bushy moustache, and a long flowing beard dyed red

He looked around and saw his courage and loyalty, but dis-

hell-for- a wisp of a beard and mous- He had hurriedly hid the two jewels

flooding back to him He about his find, thought of his younger son At night with came stern His eyes began to forgotten, long-buried poison-tipped dagger. He muse-ed, "If the great Allah puts the Lordsahib and the traitor in my power, Id dve my heard with their lifeblood

Amiı Khan was day-dreaming. "Crown Jewels" he muttered and gave his memory rem, and a cavalcade of thoughts came galloping to his mind He re membered the day a year ago when he and his thugs had set upon a dozen pilgrims moving Raffiuddin, whom he loved for towards Mount Abu. He thought of the prosperous looking merwas a man of twenty with found a rough plan and a letter

leather," said Amir Khan tache, a narrow forehead over a pieces of soiled paper in his son, "and the steeds are broken nose, and his thin like blood-red turban. He shared up" He looked with pride a swordblade the loot of the day with his Amir Khan's memories came thugs, but kept them in the dark

> At night with the help of an whom he had disowned for re- oil lamp he studied the two fusing to lead a life of plunder pieces of paper. On one was a and bloodshed; who refused to clude plan of a fortress, on the murder wayfarers His face be-other the dread secret of long-CLOWD drip blood as he thought of the jewels. The exact location of the great betrayal The son had be- fortrest was accidentally or purtraved his own father He had posely torn away. The crown turned an informer and gave jewels belonged to a defeated turned an informer and gave jewels belonged to a defeated away the bandits' abode to prince The gems were removed Lordsahib William Bentick His from their mount and hidden hand strayed to his gold-hilted, into the hollow of a huge vad tree. Amir Khan could not trust the secret to his band, though they were true to their salt After cogitating for a long time, he shared the fateful secret with his son.

After a few weeks, he sent Raffiuddin to find out the exact location of the fortiess. He hoodwinked the thigs by telling them that Raffiuddin was sent to get information about the traitor.

"If this is the right place, Raffi, then where s the age-old vad?"

"The plan resembles the fortress that I've seen," replied Raffiuddin, "Could it be that the tree is chopped down and the treasure removed?"

"Have you brought me on a wild goose chase? Haven't we ridden one hundred and seventy miles staking everything?" Amir Khan thundered, his face getting blacker and blacker than his steed Eblis

"I'm certain this is the right fortiess

"But the vad?"

Some might have chopped down the tree to get the treasure, as we chop off the heads to get their gold

"I'm sure youre mistaken, Raffi.'

'Am I a fool, lather?"

"Your powers of observation would shame a child .. you lack experience you're incapa-ble of thinking"

"Youre hard on me, father" "I judge things by their re-Raffiuddin found the fortress sults, Amir Khan sparled "I'll but not the vad tree After a few find the treasure or die in the fixed for his brainlessness. He chant from whose turban he had weeks, the father and the son attempt. It'd make us millionset off in quest of the crown ares Perhaps I'd leave off this

But could I?"

Early next morning Amir Khan saw a grun-looking, defiant fortress reminiscent of a bygone glory His spurs dug deep into the flanks of Eblis and the thoroughbred's hoofs moved over air eating away miles

A week passed in searching the cob-web festooned fortress but without success Instead of a flight of steps leading to the battlements they found a mound of debris.

"Only the ramparts remain to be searched."

"But how can we reach the battlements?" said Raffinddin "It's wellingh unpossible"

"Such a word is unknown to me, son

Amir Khan's eagle-eyes saw the rust-eaten rings fixed to the wall "I'll scale the wall with the help of these rings'

eight feet apart, father"

"Yes"

"May Allah protect you!" ed th Amir Khan pushed his bare made toes into the first ring and heav-

life of plunder and bloodshed His fingers gripped the next he mounted up and gripped the match. Flames leapt out followhis toes into crevices Khan's heart-beats sounded like he reached the top bellows in the dead silence of the fortiess. When he was half way up a ring broke

'Allahl'

his nerve He fell flat on the low going down from the ten body of his son and murmured, wall chinging to it like a fly, feet thick indented parapet "Let the dead bury its dead!" digging his fingers into cracked wall The remaining three inner.

With a thick stick he mished plaster till blood oozed ont of walls were hardly eighteen pattered the floor. With a glistened the top of green leaves, superhuman effort he reached He shouted, "Raffi, I've superhuman effort he reached He shouted, "Raffi, I've in his dagger-belt Slowly the found the vad tree It's enclosdagger hand came up Drops ed within four walls of sweat poured down from

was across his body pit He scampered
Ainii Khan's fingers gripped old mountain goat the crevices he had made Hold-"They're rusty and almost ing his dagger between his teeth, he heaved himself up inch by meh till his right foot reached the deep crevice he had

Agam a fresh deep crevice ed himself up It took his weight was made with his dagger and

ing eight feet up by pushing next ring warily. He strained at ed by dense smoke. He was his toes into crevices. Amir it. It took his weight. At last stunned to see serpents of all

was paved with red sandstone slabs He sat down for a few exclaimed Rafflud- minutes to get back his breath. Then he jumped up as his eyes But Amii Khan did not lose fell on a fifteen feet square holthem and the red drops best mehes thick. The noonday sun

The ram water fed the tree. his face and hands. He began His keen eyes saw the six inch hacking and howing the plas- deep channels emptying the ter above his head and half rain water from the roof into the pit He scampered down like an

The father and the son embraced

"Go and fetch from my saddlebag a chisel, a wooden hammer and two massals

Why do you need a massal, father P

Won't we need a light to enter the hollow and to look for the treasure, my fathead?"

The wet mouldy plaster easily gave way before the hard hammer strokes. They pulled out the loose stones. At sunset they stopped work to pray After leftovers, they rested under the shade of a mango tree.

At dawn, the incessant whining of a mongrel woke them

up "Ill-omcul" grumbled Raffiud-

"I draw my omens from my sword '

After an hour's work, the gap was large enough for a man to get in Hastily, Raffiuddin pushed his head inside the gap to see the interior of the hollow but he screamed .a hooded king-cobra slithered past the bewildered Amir Khan His blood ran cold But his trusty sword leapt out of the scabbard like lightning and cut the cobra into two

Then he saw Raffiuddin's body clump down He bent down and saw the telltale two points an inch apart on his forehead

After the initial shock was over, Amir Khan remembered. Tve killed a king-cobra, now years of ill-luck will assail me."

He began collecting straw and twigs and then threw them into the pit followed by a

sizes, colours and varieties hiss-. Amir Khan saw that the roof ing out of the hole to redden his sword

"A snake-pit!" he exclaimed. "Royal jewels guarded by royal reptiles!

He sadly looked at the dead

With a thick stick he pushed away ashes collected near the mouth of the cavity. He lighted a small massal and entered the pit He felt a little nervous for a few seconds, then boldly stepped into the hollow of the vad

The suffocating stench of age and decay assailed his sensitive nostrils, and smoke his eves The massal burnt dimly due to the lack of oxygen. The path was slippery He went lower and lower into the bowels of the carth. He was chocked with fits of coughing

Then he stumbled and fell. The massal was lost in the stygian darkness Hope surged into his heart, perhaps he had stumbled over the treasure-chest

He brushed away layers of dust and mud from the square parcel with his red handkerchief and placed it upon the chest of his dead son

"Raffi, we've made it!'l he exa meagre meal made from the claimed as he took the cold hand' of his son into his own

> With his dagger he sht open the hard cow-hide and emptied the contents on the floor see better he lit the second massal and pushed its handle into one of the rings in the wall. A lot of brownish dust flowed out with gems. He wiped the dust off each gem. Suddenly the darkness of the room gave place to multicoloured lights of the rainbow. He saw at his feet dia monds, sapphires, emeralds, pearls and rubies in a huge!

"The powdery dust served as a cushion for the gems," he murmured. .. All of a sudden he began to feel giddy. His mouth became as dry as dust. His limbs disobeyed his will. His eyes popped out of their sockets.

He stammered, "Allah! What has befallen me!" He began to writhe in agony of pain. He understood.

The snake-pit was the first line of defence, the poisoned dust was the second.

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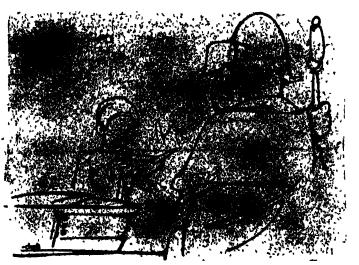


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"Oliver"

THERE are two aspects to be noted in Dickens' immortal classic of "the orphan of a workhouse ... to be cuffed and bufieted through the world-despised by all and pitied by none" First, the story of Oliver Twist and secondly the men, matters and secondly the men, matters has been done are forgiven, to Beirut They hit the mark and manners of the England of Jack Wild's Dodger is vintage here but by that time are well an exclamation mark after Oliin a sumptuous measure. Though the blend is even the two parts the first half is too good to be ing is nothing new in India that to it are discernible—the one ignored. This is an all-British is Bharat. (Remember that old the twist. True to Dickens, the is unfair to compare this with which showed how our con-men Oliver part is the one that musicals like 'My Fair Lady' and exhibited fine samples and actushines. The twist to the story in the 'Sound of Music' because ally sent rotten consignments.)



"Oliver"

from the production angle but is edge in this kind of showbiz not half as brilliant as the for- Oliver is rich fare if you tal mer. In the first half, we see the twist with a pinch of salt. Oliver in the workhouse, his sking for more, the brief stint vith the undertaker, the trek to London and life with Fagin and the boys. The narration is spicy and the lyrics and singing brum with vitality. The ensemble cores (especially by the little ones) are delicious. The Dickens days are relived and the details we verisimilitude. This is Director Carold Reed in his full element. But where the story

Oliver is rich fare if you take

"Only When I Larf"

Would you believe it?-conmen form a vital part of society Well, this is substantiated by Richard Attenborough and his collaborators in Paramount's Only When I Larf. They operate in New York, London and that haven of tourists, Beirut They propose to come to Calcutta but do not make it. It is a straight run for them in New takes the twist and parts com- York. They come lock, stock and pany with Oliver, the going is barrel and before the greedy not good. It is Bill Sikes' dog glum guys realize they are takthat plays the hero in the end en in to a paltry sum of a quarand the climax is achieved in a ter of a million chips, the comsomewhat hotch-potch, but cer- pany is off. In London it is an fainly un-Dickensonian manner, arms deal with an underdeve-- Non Moody as Fagin the Jew loped country. They plan to

is lovable. The rollicking rowdy send scrap by keeping only the that he is with 'quips and cranks top crates filled with arms. They and wanton smiles' trips too 'on are licked and who does it? The the light fantastic toe'. The out- ambassador of that underdevestanding number is his 'I think loped country! What a shame I have to think it again' It is this should happen on the Engbecause of his excellent work lish soil! Unnerved, the team that the liberties taken by Bart (Richard, David Hemmings and in depicting the Jew the way it Alexandra Stewart) moves over as days. Lionel Bart's musical stuff What an engaging small- on the way to double-cross each Oliver (a Columbia release with time crook he is! Oliver (Mark other Finally when they dean exclamation mark after Oli-Lester) is a handsome bundle of cide. . . No, we won't disclose ver) incorporates the two aspects innucence. This picture has won it for that is when you are supseveral awards chiefly because posed to larf. Confidence-trickconcerning Oliver and the other work, and finer aspects apart, it documentary. Frankly Speaking, the second half may be alright Hollywood still seems to have an Of course, here it is still a smallscale industry whereas Silas and Co do big game hunting So 077-that one man man-power we look at this film in a semi-unit backed by the best braindetached manner.

Richard Attenborough makes a pleasant con-man His deputy (switches roles with the semor in the last encounter) has the pick of the host country and supreme self-confidence and between the two they don many robes. (They always carry different outfits) The camera work is good. We cannot assure you will larf, but certainly this will pull a few chuckles

"You Only Live Twice"

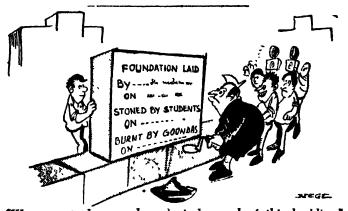
Sean Connery in his valedictory performance as James Bond. his fans. This time the assignment takes him to Japan in pursuit of criminals for whom even sky is not ly It is good he has chosen to the limit They expand their quit Frankly, we were getting activities out in space by having tired of the way he was being spaceships swallowed and handled But this is not the end brought down to earth. The of James Bond. He will be idea is to create a rift between back in HM's service again For the Americans and the Russians the time being, then, goodbye The British play the mediator Mr James Connery-Bond and role Be that as it may, agent welcome Mr Scan Connerv.



Sean Connery

unit backed by the best brainpower group-smashes the ring right down the craters By then he has died more deaths than the proverbial cat, slept with despatched much lead into enemy territory In addition to his normal routine, James Bond goes through a solemn Japanese wedding ceremony Whatever one might say, Bond's reputation is enduring and this being the last Bond for Sean Connerv the is getting out of Bond-age shortly) is of special interest to

Sean Connery is tired and wants to have it through quick-



"We want to keep a chronological record of this building."

—THEATRE—

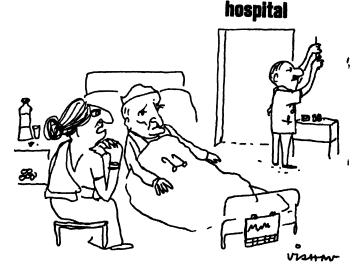
"A Delicate Balance." Edward Albee. Yatrik, N Delhi.

DELICATE Balance' by wit Edward Albee ensures A Edward Albee is absolutely these are all there and mjects them in little doses. deed It centres round the and insincerity. The characters involved are continuously engaged in creating a void before them. They say things which they know should not be said but which they believe others expect them to say. In a taut situation like this, the lines have to be didestic, deliberate to be didestic, and insincerity. The characters involved are continuously engative in the better or for the act, followed by a dragging search and when the opportunity stares cond, the third one droops and him in the eye, he lets it slip drops. There is promise of good through the fingers.

Albee makes an oblique reference work in the initial stages by the does not go far. Srilata Swamikepp. It is ununderstandable nadhered to be come allegorical. Thank to be didestic, deliberate the band of the set is tasterable to be didestic, deliberate the struggle with Hungwani's Tobase. His contribution to the characters tending the intendship like marriage is 'for the better or for the act, followed by a dragging search when the opportunity stares and when the opportunity stares and when the opportunity stares and when the opportunity stares are cond, the third one droops and this in the delicate balance work in the initial stages by a condition of the set is tasterable to become allegorical. Thank to be deliberate to be deliberate to the characters tending act, followed by a dragging search when the opportunity stares and when the opportunity stares are found.

Thus we have Agnes, feeling maladies of American middle- neglected but feigning compoclass life-disturbed conjugal sure Her husband Tobias is not felicity, divorce, lack-lustre love, much of a consolation and plays disappointment in friendship and mom to the much married generally in life. To those who daughter Julia now back home are used to this kind of jaded with her fourth marriage on the jargon from the American pen, rocks Claire is the 'injured' all appear the same With one alcoholic, accused of gaucheric difference, that is, the treatment. and ingratitude but with a go-Albee has his own methods. Herego lust for pulling a faster one draws on the act of balancing on all and sundry. There is no between incompatibles, extre- love lost between her and sister mists and opposites, within Agnes. Into this mess of a family and without No wonder then walk the friends, Edna and the delicate balance is some Harry. They bring with them sort of an alternating current that dreadful disease—terror of between truth and falsehood, the self. Are they right in behaving and ugliness, friendship lieving that friendship like mar-

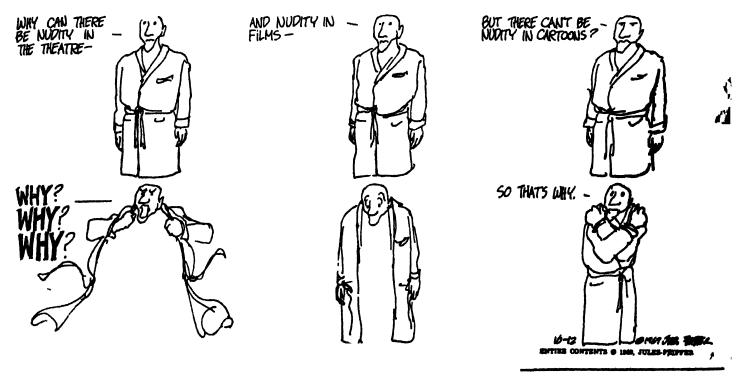
got to be didactic, deliberate tional Theatres) struggle with Hingorani's Tobias. His contri- tiresome labours and punctuated with reascible the play. After a crawling first bution consists of monosyllables



"Would he remember that you were unsympathetic to the house-surgeons' demands?

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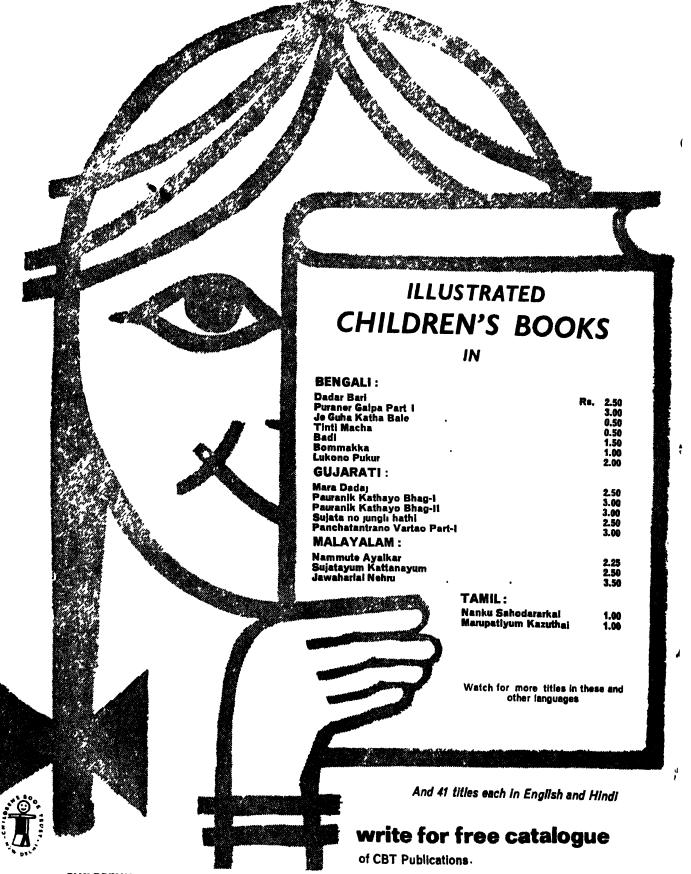
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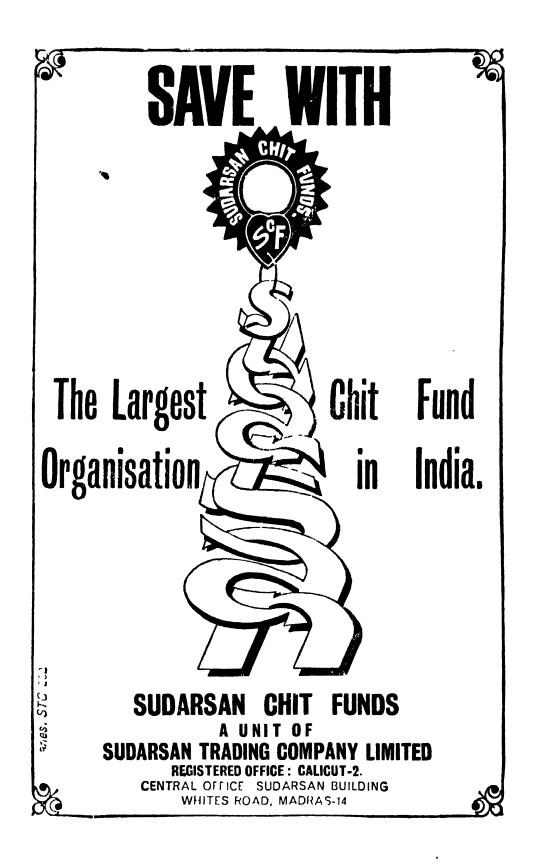
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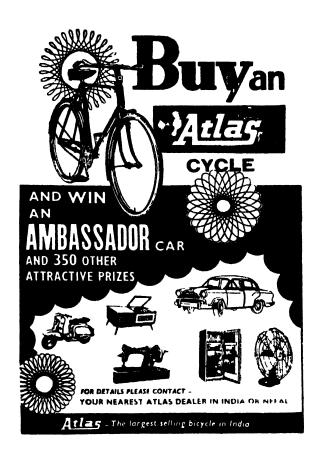
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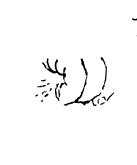
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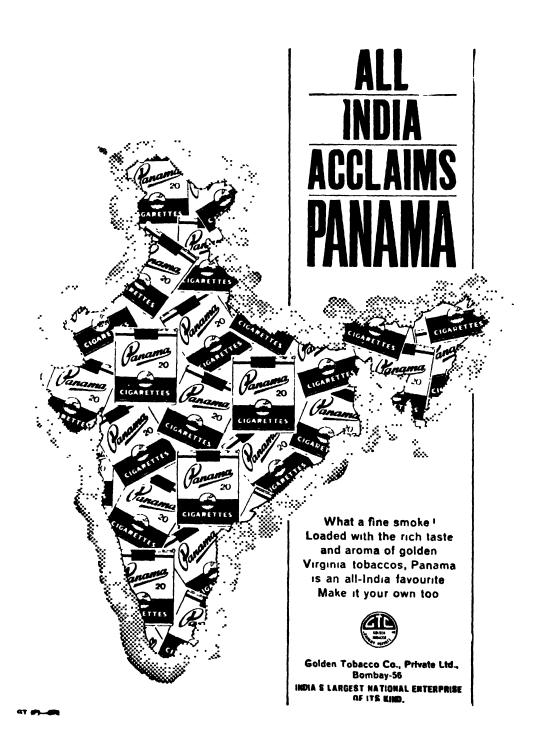
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FREE THINKING

FOR as long as we care to cast our mind back we have for been wringing our hands and beating our breasts about communalism the while, that is, we have not been wringing necks and kinding breasts. In the high-minded intervals between sangunary orgies, we have tried every shoddy exasion we can think of Speeches, resolutions, committees councils, fasts and penances—everything except a little bonesty. It is not the least use saving that we or our friends did not dip our hand in blood. The guilt is collective, whether or not a collective fine is levied.

Is this public confession a kind of evasion too? Perhaps. But it can win absolution of sorts if it is followed by a resolve to think honestly and comageously about the subject. How genuine is our detestation of the Hindu and the Muslim communalist? Besides, will a Congression, who is a RSS man at heart, honestly say so? Will a Muslim, even in the Congress who is not reconciled to the fact that this country, for better or worse, will always have a Hindu majority honestly say so? If they did, they would not start hurling abuse at Jayaprakash Narayan the moment he hinted that there may be Muslims in India who may be sold on the mad idea of another partition. The reaction was extremely instructive. Jayaprakash who was unctiously referred to as the only true secularist until that moment, became an ogic all of a sudden

The Hindu communalist is an unlovely creature by the laxest standards that you may erect. The Hindu Rashtia is a perincious doctrine, however plausible he may try to make it. And it is perincious for the reason that Jinnah advanced when he asked for Pakistan, and indeed the arguments employed by both are the same. It tries to wipe out a thousand years of Indian history. By all means let us deal with this rabid tribalist as he deserves to be

But what about the Muslim communalist? Why is not there a vigorous progressive opinion assertive enough to re-novate Muslim personal law, for example, as the Hindu personal law was in the fifties? This is not a remote matter in the context of combating communalism, for it is the sway over the popular Muslim mind of the crassest mullah that has made the Muslim masses so ready to respond to the most blatant communal appeal. Even the Muslim intellectuals of unimpeachable modern and secular credentials have left the Muslim masses at the superstitious mercy of the mullahs.



PLEASE TURN OVER FOR PEN PORTRAIT

The destiny of a special people

The Man of the Week

TIII strong silent man of Congress multiology, Mr. Kamarej has suddenly found his tongue and has said several mouthfuls in the last ten days Some of these he said in the streamers he put up for Mrs Gandlas benefit m which he put in some highly selective quotations from Gandling on the subject of discipline Of course diseipline is a tricky word and a masance Mr Kamaraj has had to explain that his entursm of Mrs Gandla was not indiscipline but a necessary act of infra party exchange of ideas Haring got rid of Subramaniam from the TNCC Presidency by the simple expedient of needling him into resignation Karnaray has decided that the time has come to assert himself. Yes, the boss is back in the Tammanny Hall and there

will be business as usual Well not quite as usual, since the old place has not been the same since the DMK routed the Congress and even more infunatingly, since Mrs. Gandla turned the tables on him and his triends in Bangalore. There is nothing so comically pathetic or pathetically come as an exking maker - especially when the king he made pulls the carpet from under his feet Kamarays lament of his seulptural misadiention of his trans to make a Ganesa and endin up with a monkeymust have come from the heart indeed though his claims to the status of an Lystein may be electionally questioned by Mis Gandhi.

More smister is the regional overtones of Kamaraj's plans for working off his frustration. He said something about a movement in the South to bring the Congress back to the true and narrou path of cutue from which if had strawd these last tuenty years. What price his much caunted lonally to Notes and the "Southern on he does that portend the picking up of threads that the DMK has virtually east or ext And would has friend and whon saint of Diace daned come the new grey emme here Time alone will SI on

have the heart to accuse us since we believe in peace, ment because we have amend-of being an area of darkness. If our delegate would promptly ed the Constitution a number cretes to incr-marry to pro-case in Kashmir The Pakistan mitted to wreeking it from duce children who will have no people will realise that but for within The Sheikh was also n utralise one communalism with wother In effect it is the ome is becoming secular, and Lence the process is historically valid. It is thus that our Ra-🛰it adventine assumes significonce. We would go again it we get a chance. And already there are indications that we might be asked Criticism at home has been sharp and meessant. It was alleged that we have taken a beating at Rabat all because our obsession was to keep Arab scutiment on our side in our quaricl with Pakistan All these years we managed to keep this cent ment on our side and Arab brothers allowed us to do so except when a war actually broke out Naturally, you cannot expeet parsons to believe normally. during a wir, what with our ewn civil defence volunteers going hysterical. The Arabs refused to get themselves involved. on on side when the war with in honour of Badshah. Khan Pakistan was on. But as we said, that was war

that the experience at Rabat. we extremely valuable. And it was not as though we took all the beating passively. We recalled our envoys from Morocco and Jordan. This disproves a lot of canads. Who can now say that we do not have a foreign policy? Because without a foreign policy it will be impossible to recall two envoys at the same time. If the water supply under takings of Rabat and Amman have, say, plans of putting the squeeze on the mains, then strategies have been ant cipated and defeated. Of course, they can cut off our First Secretaires. But that is a different story The Foreign Office will apply its mind to it all in good time

One of the principal culputs, remely Pakistan, has real-sed meen fulle that it will be difficult the next time. If Yahya Khan directors to slit his throat at the acxt summit the chaices are that be other Arab delegations might place Yahya Khan m an unca-

 $\Lambda^{1.1ER}$ Rabat, lew would viable position. Of course stitution That was no arguwe cannot be secular in pract propose that Yahya Khan be re- of times since its founding Also tice which means if we cannot quested to put off the shitting at least a few of our State Gorudice our various religious and. After that Pakistan will have no verninents are, officially, comeaste or religious stamp, then the timely intervention of reminded that there was no the next b st thing would be to India's delegate their President Kashmir - problem and that would have done something full. Kashmir was fully and finally a final and arevocable

chance of this cutting both inswer It is only the nonexistways. For instance if the Bhut- cut problems which continue to active and if a majority of the of supees in men and armapeople are with them, then we ments trying to tackle their would not be gaining any popu nonexistent problem. And we lar sympathy by saving the breezily dismiss real problems Pakistam President But then, which might interest lesser

tought at many levels. Sheikh We are a special people Abdullah was invited by the Pakistan High Commissioner for lunch. It is even possible that the Gujarat riots were caused by a fear in the minds of the majority community (Jaya-prakash Narayan please note) that such a lunch was being contemplated However, the lunch for Sheikh Abdullah might have been neutralised if we had thrown up a banquet But Budshah Khan chose to fast This has caused a temporary Ribit was peace. To its cir- setback in Kashinir, whose inteties the Government explained gration however is full, final and micvecable. But like all full, final and meyocable things, it keeps getting these temporary setbacks every now and then

> a recent luncheon meet to de- possible be in facsimile Senders fine his nationality. He retorted will receive two consecutive that he was one of the found-usues of the Weekly for every ing fathers of the Indian Con- item published -Ed. SW.

> al and arcyocable part of India. To this the Sheikh There is of course a slender had no answer but we have the to Tang. All anarchists are fascinate us. We spend millions these are professional hazards. minds such as famine, disease, The diplomatic battle is being infant mortality, unemployment

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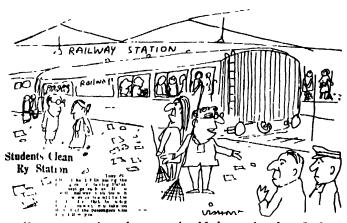
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On the name plate of a medical practioner in Delhi Clinic on back

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Note Items for 'Odd Signs should be factual and not in-Sherkh Abdullah was asked it rented and should as far as



We now realise that we should have distributed the handbills before succeping

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Timely help



Quoting rules Mr S K Patil said that Mr Subramaniam could not continue in the Working Committee and he consulted by the Congress President on the point

HISTORY

Asoka and the Naxalites

around by saboteurs of various benefits of bank nationalisation to fifth columnists through mail categories, writes Academician In the first place they aroused thought waves. When his intelligence intercepted some of lawful activities Asoka knew Soviet assessment of India's first ed banks among the people Mao's unlawful thoughts in Guidance and leadership for the socialist emperor, based on extinuity their insidious propatriansmission. Asoka knew the genic of unlawful activity know in the propatriansmission. clusive archival material

all over, engineering droughts, floods and communal riots. But as part of a conspiracy to topple the Emperor the emperor

EMPEROR ASOKA's middle took orders from the World lawful thoughts from across the helped the Indian national bourpath" was menaced all Bank were out to scuttle the McMahon line communicated geoisic to stand up to the blackgaida that every citizen would situation called for a new piece as Navalite, activity came from Of course the CIA was there get unlimited bank credit if it of legislation as important as across the McMahon line. There I over, engineering droughts, was purpose-oriented. Second- the banks bill. He issued the was no evidence of any arms bods and communal riots. But by after arousing the hopes famous. Unlawful. Thoughts supplies from without but the what baffles the Marxist investighter they conspired not to suggest to (Prevention). Ordinance, when unlawful thoughts of Mao were gator is the circumstance that the Emperor any follow-up the Jana Sabha was not in sesthe biggest communal riot of measures. How do we follow sion, and significantly the same the emperor's days occurred in it up now the Emperor wailed lobby, which challenged the the wake of bank nationalisation in his Grand Council. The banks bill went to court against a thermo-nuclear war in the Bank nationalisation was Asoka's bureaucrats said the only fol-the ordinance contending it was world. Asoka knew instrument to fight droughts, low-up they could think of was unlawful. Now the pattern of floods and communal riots. But to re-nationalise the same set of the conspiracy was clear. Aca- reason to conclude that the Nain the absence of timely follow-banks so that people would con-demician. Hopovitch says, cer- xalities who epicated in the junup measures, a communal not time to flock to him to hear him tain "hegemonic forces in Asia" gles more Guijan tribals (no could be engineered by the re- and congratulate him on the were colluding with U.S. impe- kith or live of a later day Indian action. Academician Flopovitch measure. The motive here was vialism and what happened in President V. V. Gurb were just believes that the bank lobby smister. The bureaucrats were Asoka's days was proof of this dated samed with dangerous turned both communal and riot- out to couse further hopes. In the name of re-examining alien thoughts indigenous bows ous and staged a communal riot among the people to discredit unequal treaties these hegemo- arreas and other weapons which

Armidst all this, Asoka faced a jugate the people of India, and obviously financed by the

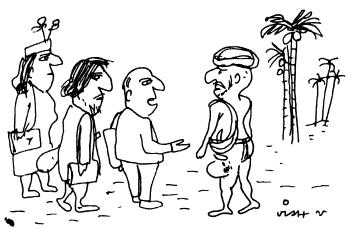
chough These thoughts were designed to subvert new democratic governments and to force

Academician Hopovitch has The slimy bureaucrats who more serious threat, from un-though socialist rupce trade CA out of countermatrupe s

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funds! His comparative study of the impact of the socialist rupec trade funds and American counterpart funds (with special reference to the inflationary potential of the latter) is interest ing. Socialist trade funds were meant for peaceful purposes, to huance political parties which believed in peaceful transition to socialism and to defray the medical bills of the leaders of these parties. But the American countérpart funds were meant for open and concealed subversion. By financing the Navalites, the CIA was trying to bring about an inflationary situation which had the potential of an nicendary or an inflammatory situation

There is other evidence to suggest that the Navahtes were apolitical dacoits communists. He sought the ted in cartoons by those exposed some of them syndicated their lawful thoughts help of the official communist to dangerous thoughts from cartoons. There was reason to



"Can you help us out". There has been procedural delay in getting then liquor permits sanctioned

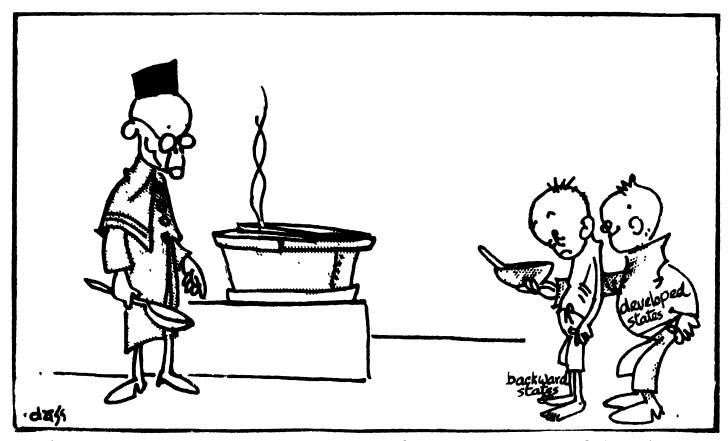
Asoka has parties to contain the Navalite without And moreover the CIA, gone on record with the obser- challenge. There was consensus, the cartoonists, the bineaucrats vation that both the official com-needed for a line of action, that, and the Navalites were acting in. CIA, the bureaucraey, the Syn numest parties in the country the challenge had its origins in collusion to subvert the Empe-dicite and the Navahtes, and all (which constituted His Majesty's unlawful thoughts despite the ror and through it the democra- of them disintegrated when the Opposition) had disowned the ordinance which had now be- tic inovement. Worse, fourteen nationalised cartoons, purpose-Navalites which is direct proof come an act. But some of the leading cartoonists in the coun-oriented and dynamic, began rethat the desperadoes were not most unlawful thoughts origina- try-controlled all humour and placing cartoons based on un-

believe that the cartoonists through their syndication channels were in league with the group of Asoka's political one-mies known as the 'Syndicate' At any rate the cartoonists provided the link between the Naxalites and the Syndicate, the CIA and the Navalites and the Navalites and bureaucrats So Navalites were not a mere law and order problem though they were dacoits essentially Strong-arm police methods would not do The problem had to be attacked elsewhere

That was how Asoka decided, on the basis of one stray thought (vide Stray Thoughts of Asoka, Foreign Languages Publishing House Moscow 1969) to nationalise the work of 14 leading curtoonists as a follow-up measure to bank nationalisation. This confounded the

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Oliver Twist asks for more



The advanced States also demanded and got concessions from the Centre for development of backward districts

Folk Dance



Mr Nijalingappa and Mr S K Patil met Badshah Khan and briefed him on the Congress Party's record -Report

The Political Parties

tieth birthday celebrations of ple of the eye Sripad Amiit Dange Comrade And so did Dange himself failed to turn what's asked he up, so they say According "Contrade," said the caller to someone in the National "the need of the hour is the re-Archives who visits Comrade storation of communist unity Dange frequently, a certain aught perfore the birthday and faced him with a vener-time "Comrade," said the caller "of the timed and fled able quotation from the scripture "Departing from us, Compade Lenin adjured us to book at the control of the cycle. the unity of the party as the "But comrade," said he, "let Dange went back to his 100m apple of the eve." That was Sta-us not forget the basic Marxian and brewed his special brand partially rehabilitated, remembered with stray flowers at the about it," and the caller "Now of self-criticism be hid put in more flight hours belief us face facts. Let us try to "God of the working people" that an average airlines pilot that he had in other words out had since then been denigrated, apples saying has stuck

CURIOUS things are said to munist responds with a sort of the unity of the communist mitted against the party? If I have happened at the seven-intuitive disturbance to the ap-inovement."

And so did Dange

But what are you driving at?

lin on the somber occasion of axiom that there are two eyes of tea and listened again to the , ording to the Nijalingappa doc-Lenn's funeral Though Stalin and not one and hence two rumblings of the brew outside time Somebody was trying to

And so to have grown agitated and angry, and accused the caller of the walked up and down, and anti-party activity. Again it is fixed to figure out why the man worth remembering how these had come in and talked about words, like spells, have immense comebody being in the way of and mational power over listen- party unity ing communists. The caller turn ed pale. He sat down. He sweat. ed. He self-criticised and final- to the situation the fog-lifted

Dange the veteran polemicist jective situation A revolt seem. his 70th birthday was a polite ed to be brewing. Contrade reminder perhaps even are im-"But comrade," said he, "let Dange went back to his 100m Then he knelt down in adora- get him out. The constant sug-

At this comrade Dange is said, to revolution strike me dead."

Connade Dange was agitated

As he applied the intallible doctrine of Marxism-Leninism and he saw everything clearly But that did not alter the ob- He knew that the observance of polite reminder to him that he had reached the retiring age acgestion that he was seventy, that he had put in more flight hours Every com- find out who is in the way of he said, "what sin have I com- that he had in other words out

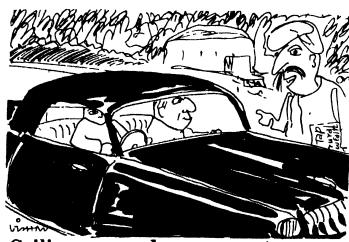
fixed his purpose having led Soviet Party feels that the CPI him mad

Meanwhile those who view ed the crisis from outside notic ed a few other of its elements For instance, there was the CPM which was depending mercasinvL on the medical advice of the Soviet camp First Sundaritya and then E.M.S. Namboodiripad had been looked after and healcd by Moscow and Berlin doctors who believed in cine through peaceful economic competition and in prevention through timely intervention and normalisation. The CPM, consequently, was developing a health in attitude to things. The Soviet Union's Communist Party itself had ceased actering to them by their own name split ters. They were recognised as another communist party

eccurred a series of quantitative. concerns the CPI Because the do the same thing to him?

India from primitive communi- is a bad bet and has no more sm to slavery, this suggestion credibility with the Indam workwas like Chinese water torture and people. Worse, it has lost Somebody was trying to unnerve ats appeal to the upper strata rehim by its custant repetition volutionaries. The intellectual Somebody was trying to drive executives of the private sector, who find the reformst postures of the CPI a little too inefficient the exporters, and the importers the travel agents the collaborating manufacturers in short all compradore socialists were getting sick of CPI As against this, there was the Navalite menace with the Chinese supplying Red Books diaries, cand us phoney Parker pens and so on to its cadres. The situation could be retrieved only by the Socialist camp recognising a viable revolutionary afternative Why not the CPM2 And any way the CPM had renounced its earlier indeterminat? Chinese affiliations

Contrade Dange knelt down and prayed again to the God of the working class. He repeated the words of Cardmil Wolsey how much more profitable it might have been had he serv-This was the position about cd dialectical materialism inevear igo before the treatment stead of somebody else. He rekind. He remembered how



Ceiling on urban property

"That makes us quits"



We feel the muse is invariably murdered'

Comiade Namboodurpad, eing hard or EMS but after the treat-membered ill such heartless re-meanwhile returned bright-cyment of Sundaravya. But then putations in the past of man- ed and bushy-tailed But his own creature, the United Front, was did not want to rely much on changes in the Soviet attitude. Prine Henry passed Falstaff by ailing. And the irony of it was European experience. He had leading up to a qualitative is though he had never known that it was ailing on account of relied on it for more than half change. And the change vitally lyin. Would the socialist earup its Health Minister. While in his life and he alone knew how had plied him with questions himself that the state would (over and above the medicines wither away in Kerala, if not and vitamins) cager to know how elsewhere. The only snag was the tenets of Kail Marx were the Administrative Service, being put into practice under a which was a Central cadic. It bourgeois constitution, Connade would stay, because the boys he had annihilated the constitu- tive examination and were emtion of the bourgeoisic by ploved permanently, unlike the speaking about it it a place college lecturers and working called the Gokhale Institute journalists They would refuse four lectures taking the Con-boodiripad was depressed stitution down piece by piece, splitting bans one by one! It was never the same again with for long. The first thing he saw the Indian ruling class, those on touching down at Trivanfew lectures had demoralised it drum was the withering away of completely and for ever-

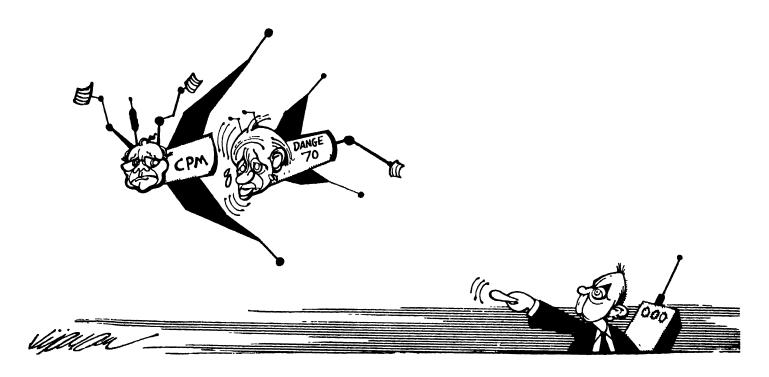
> not quite sure whether he could all At last the United Front was as yet embark on the next stage, withcing away. It would illus-namely, Communsm. He could trate for the people the supreme not imagine how the State could necessity of state institutions wither away, which was essen- withering away. Whatever staytial at that stage. The German ed on after that, whether it was contrades themselves shook their the Administrative Service or the heads sullenly and sadly. The judiciary would look terrbly difficulty was not special to silly. Kerala Other Communist countries too were finding the with-

But Comrade Namboodupad Berlin semoi German contrades dearly he paid for it. He told Namboodupad told them that had come in through a competi-He had delivered a series of to wither away Comrade Nam-

But he did not stay depressed the United Front That, he reminded himself, was half a loaf But the Chief Minister was which was better than no loaf at

CACTUS

Another space adventure



"Ground control insists on docking"

Could fasting have saved Rabat?

[T was a thrilling experience the harvest on the different are unresponsive? Suppose I one of the retinue would reply a group of young men and women First, my vocabulary had a great leap forward with their ed it on this man," he started explaining to me expressions bombarding the gill When he like "skinhead," "pussyeat," etc. spat out the words this man. Then as if to test my IQ a at me it was evident he was bright young thing asked using them because he could which was the four-letter word not think on the spot of any beginning with "f" thing better. "Very soon he will

blinking

Guffaws like those you hear m the Lok Sabha when alleg- young thing interrupted bered deaths due to starvation were friend "Fasts are not so bad being discussed greeted my ans-

really a four-letter word be-cause it is supposed to be inpany of prades like you

and with a flair for displaying sons on fast do if the people

the other day to get lost in miches of his body took over

'You are a mug to have wastread out sermons in favour of "Fast," I replied without fasts and take us all to Gandhis samadbi '

"Don't lose your shirt" the after all Grandma, for instance, fasts every second day. When I go home hungry and raid the "You have a point there," the refrigerator to find practically pretty one said "But it is not nothing in it I pinch the fruits and other uncooked eats she keep handy for her fast. It is decent, unutterable in the com- more than a meal. And it does a lot of good to the figure?

A young man with a green "Don't be harsh on grandma," revolution of hirsute growth I pleaded "What else can per-

begin a fast unto death to make this young man have a hair cut and he values his hair more than my life what should I do? I cannot die of starvation 1 have to eat when pobody is watching, or make a virtue of eating uncooked noncereal food Therefore, the first prerequisite of a successful fast is a prior agreement between the parties to the dispute that the demand will be conceded. To illustrate the point, if Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed and Yahya Khan had an informal accord before hand, our Minister of Industrial Development could have started a fast demanding a seat in the secular conference at Rabat When all the other guests are assembled at the sumptious feast hosted by King Hassan of Morocco Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed will be in his villa poining over the small car file The king would ask "Where is our most welcome guest from India?"

"He is fasting, Your Majesty"

"It must have become a habit with him ' the Saudi Arabi in potentate would explain "Bccause of stoppage of American PL 480 wheat supplies they fast to some days in the week in India "

Take they used to have meatless days in Pakistin when Avub Khan was President Yahya Khan would rub it in

Is that all? King Hassan would inquire solicitously 1 hope it is not because something he had eaten on the plane did not agree with him. That's why I never touch the food the an lines give I only borrow their an bostesics to serve my own

It would be left to the Sha henshali of Iran to come forward with a constructive sug-"Let him have some gestion kababs. They are easy to eat. and casier to digest ' he would Sav

As the guests and the host start sipping aperitifs, the Moroccan official with the fast on his mind takes advantage of the pause in the conversation and finds speech, as Shakespeare or some other poet would put it

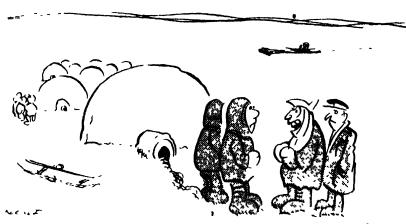
'No your majesties and excellencies. He is fasting because he has not been allowed into the conference?

What, nonsense Knor Hassan would burst out. He is always welcome here. We never said he should not attend the dimici. On the other hand, we want all of them. We have no easte system. Does it mean he values the conference more than this feast?

Khan's turn to make a gestine. Saheb did not fast nor was there I will personally take some an agreement between him and kababs to him and tell him that if he does not eat them I won't either I will cat only chicken pulao

Did all this happen? the ed young thing asked showing in terest

'I don't know, I replied the Rabat incident as there are did not mind participants. Some say we were invited others insist we were



'You are lucky—Your students can't find here any stones to throw

Now it would be Yahya happened because Fakhruddin say' I retorted Yahya Khan

> our time? Tell us something better the hairy one demand-

Having by then got used to his informal ways of conversation is biographers would say 'Nobody really knows because of the chap who knew only impatient there are as many versions of monosyllabic swear words, I

Resuming the narrative, went on. If the fast angle had been worked into the Rabat 'Then why are you wasting show, statements like that by the Moroceau ambassador would have been issued carlier Have you seen the statement?

> Who wants your statements and riginarole? the hairy one was growing more and more

Assuring him that it was a buef one I read it out. It made Have patience or keep your the point that King Hassan had

not But I don't think this has shirt on as you people would not mentioned anything about the persecution of Muslims in

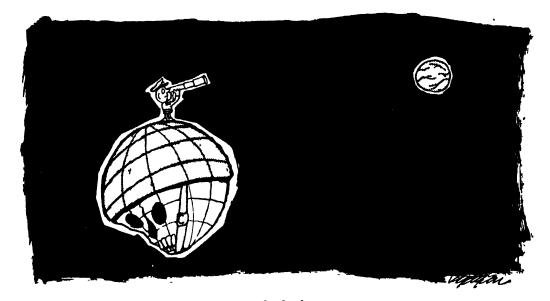
> "That reminds me of a story," I picked up the thread a young man borrowed a suit of clothes from a friend and went to see his future bride in them. The friend who accompanied him on the trip was a stickler for truth So he told the girl's parents: Here is your future son-in-law but the suit he is wearing is

"When the proposal flopped, the young man blamed his friend for it and said in the future he should not be so keen on telling the truth So on a second occasion, he said. Here is the prospective bridegroom and the suit he is wearmg is also his!

Again, the match failed to click In the third try, warned by the young man not to utter a word about the suit, he told the girl's parents 'Here is the young man but don't ask me about the suit he is wearing.

"What is the relevance?" demanded the young thing.

"The Moroccans do not deny the charge of persecution of Muslims in India They merely say they have not mentioned it," I tried to explain But by the time I finished it the young ones are gone.



Mars is a dead planet -News.

G. S.

The Congress squabbles

LAST week saw the power no more than a make-believe and a 'crucial trial of strength" after his death that the posi-Party surfacing again, rather too fast after the so-called unity

The Pioneer which calls the so-prepared to 'eall it a day' organisational wing then chose resolution of August last, with

Mr. Nualingarras hang again, rather the so-called unity

The Pioneer which calls the so-prepared to 'eall it a day' organisational wing then chose 'Obvi-Mr Nijalingappa being accused call gang war' is convinced that has scored a victory in that it ously they do not want to lose by the Prime Minister's sup- "something very senious is brew- has been able to foil Mi Nijal- their grip now." C Subramaniam from the While it is prepared to give their own petard some of the both the wings is that they Working Committee and Messis the Congress President his due leaders of the Ministerial should know their limitations Kamalapathi. Tripathi and and has pointed out that Mr. group," but it has in the pize Parliamentary Democracy does Working Committee and Messis the Congress President institute and has pointed out that Mr group," but it has in the pro-Parliamentary Democracy opes their post of PCC Presidents. The pattern of mutual simping had his accusers virtually by future of the Congress is into the short hair by pointing out that he had not written any leaders are trying only to make its a will on both sides to settle that he had not written any leaders are trying only to make its a will on both sides to settle the solution. Prime Minister's letter to the confrontation. The Syndicate' organisational and ministered opinion that the Congress Congress President has meant has regrouped its forces to wings is nothing new and it organisation is no longer able. a change in the line up of fac-incasure its strength against has its roots in Congress history to contain the contradictions tions and its effect has been to the PM. "The Prime Minister even as carly as 1946, the afflicting it. As for the present make. Mrs. Gandlin appear undoubtedly feels that it is at Indian Nation, recalls. It has controversy, whatever may be On the other hand, there will forged to weaken her position Secretaryship of the Congress is clear as daylight that the be some sympathy for Mi at the organisational level by in 1946, he made three condi-steps had not been taken (by Nijalingappa as he has demed getting Mr Subramamian out tions for acceptance. They him solely on constitutional the charges against him and of the Congress Working Coin were. (1) That no minister considerations. Also, "decideplored that the Prime Min-mittee. With Chavan and his should be a member of the sions involving major person-

struggle in the Congress and that it is dead and buried is unavoidable unless one or tion changed basically. Some

porters of trying to unload Mr ing again at the top level" ingappa's plan to hoist with mains the familiar nocturnal war. Mr. C. Subramamam,"-it is even more darker than what it no side is interested in the of letters. But the addition of equally firm in denouncing the already is Mr. Chavan's signature to the Syndicate's moves for another stronger in her position than at the instance of Mr Kamaraj pointed out that when Di the constitutional arguments in the time of Mr Giri's election, that a new strategy has been Lohia was offered the General favour of Mr Nijalingappa, 'it ister did not care to consult faithful followers from Maha-him about the veracity of her rashtra solidly behind her, the Jawaharlal Nehiu who was are never taken in the offhand-information before shooting off the letter. The Press, particularly those who view the scene from the States, is not kind to either the consult of the provide the provide the consultance of the solid incomplete of the solid incomplete of the solid incomplete the solid incomplete of the solid incomplete the organisation and organisation the Office of the organisation with the offiand incomplete the Congress President should incomplete the Solid incomplete t States, is not kind to either wounds, is again on the prowl cise the government if it fails method adopted by Prime Min Rather, their attitude is to for another confrontation." It to implement programmes or ister India Gandhi to drive declare a plague on both your is all a clash of personalities acts against public interest. Out Mr Morari Desai from the camps At the same time, out to project their own image But Di Lohia's suggestions. Union Cabinet? Whoever there is an all too apparent and public good is nobody's were turned down by the Conwins in this war fought with tear that a split in the Concorn in the Congress Party gress bosses. Thereafter the the tacties of the nimite Law' of the country, particularly political gang war, the country and

chant enticism for their petty of the view that the cleavage organisation, and government either the state, machinery or minded squabbles, and the between the organisational and Those who slid not see eye to the democratic process un-

The conflict between the

gress may not be to the good. Whatever the outcome of this controversy ceased to be relev- it will be a pyrilic victory like when there is no unity in the will emerge as the loser, the shadowed all other leaders and cause for worry arises out of opposition parties. The leaders, Proneer suggests he combined in buriself the the tact that this interaceme however, do not escape tren. The Hindusthan Standard is supreme positions in both warfare is not likely to leave conclusion is almost unanimous ministerial wings of the Con- eve with him like Tandon and impaired, that the "unity resolution" was gress has become very wide Kapalani had to quit. It was concludes

The Indian Nation's advice to settlement of the issue

The Searchlight is of the Jawaharlal Nehru over- u the Mahabharata war Scareblight the NARADA



March



of Time



Your business is my business



Portrait of a comrade



It's time it's time in Complexcity

[T'S time it's time it's time It's time in Complexcity

It's time to forget It's time to forgive

It's time to forget and forgive

It's time to forgive our Bapuji It's time to forget our Gandhiji

It's time to forget the Father of the Nation

It's time to forgive the Maityr of Peace

Oh a hundred years are enough The centenary celebrations are enough

Haven't we spent crores?

Haven't we outbored the bores?

Haven't we issued illustrated brochures?

Haven't we brought out 'Selections' and 'Collections'?

'How many committees How many seminars How many souvenirs

How many Gandhi Bhavans

How many Gaudhi Darshans

How many stupas and rupas

How many festive maugurations

How many fulsome regurgitations How many foreign dignitaries

How many local functionaries

How many radio and TV programmes

How many jaijais and traffic jams

Oh a hundred years are enough Our grand celebrations are enough (The Presidential election thatwn in And the Almadabad flare-up for illumination)

Oh Gandhiji, Oh Bapuji

We don't deny you were a mighty soul

We don't deny you did such good things

We don't deny you raised us from dust

We don't don't you made men out of clay

But you set hard tasks for us

You talked of the truth of brotherhood

You preached the gospel of non-injury

You would have us practise non-possession

You would exorcise the furies of communal passions

You would turn all Bharat into Ramrajya

You would raise the bhangi into the Harijan

How could we your heirs Live up to your example?

We are not Mahatmas, and were not ment to bel

We could talk muster votes, win elections

We could scheme, cry conscience win defections

We could make a show of sorts in Raj Chat

We could thunder a speech in Glass House We could preach Gandhism to the Funbuctans We could teach Gandhism to the Minnesotens

We could move in limousines and blow into microphones

We could circumambulate in Air-India jets

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We could lave in luxury and diddle the tax-men We could suff at Prohibition and wangle our permits And we could buy your books and frame your pictures And we could even quote from the Gandhian scriptures

But what you did and wanted us to do How are we to do (and why must we do)?

No No, No, No, No We won't live like you (unless we absolutely must) In hutments and homespuns (And what are Tughlak Road or Aurangazeb Road Or Man Singh Road or Albuquerque Road for And what are terycotts and terylenes for Me won't shun places and power and prestige We won't steer clear of doublefeel and doublethink We won't practise simplicity in Complexcity

(Have we shouted at the hustings Have we roared quitindias and judinds Have we taken out mile-long processions Have we passed lengthy resolutions

Only to skip
The high harvest time of
Ministerships, governorships, chairmanships
Legislative and parliamentary perquisites
And right-hand left hand off-hand bounties
For services dutifully rendered—or to be?

Aren't we men, O Mahatma? Do you think we are Mahatmas like you?)

No, No, No, No No
It's time to forget you, to forget
The Mahatime twist you gave our lives—

We wish to ge on
We wish our children and grandchildren to ge on
We wish our in-laws to get on
We wish our 'kith and kin' to get on
In the Secretariat with its multiple Bhavans
In the Public or Private Sector
In the Commissions or Collaborations
In the monopolist or foreign firms

We wish our sons and daughters.
And sons in-law and daughters-in law.
And meces out-of-law.
To find safe berths in affluent Foundations.
Or in the Tvy League multiversities.
Or in our umpteen Embassies, seattered over the globe.

Get it clear, O Mahatma, We wish to get on

R. R.

To live like you may turn out to be to Die like you.

And we aren't interested.

And we are afraid.

Oh Bapun forgive us, forget us Your children As we forgive and forget you In this your Centenary year

Oh father, forgive us Forgive us

All things to all men



Woman's Weapons

"WOMAN is no longer man's slave," Professor A announced all of a sudden and apropos of nothing, as is his wont.

'She never was," Miss Y dealt with the announcement as Garfield Sobers deals with a endely delivered encketball Miss Y is the latest acquisition of the Department of Politics and History, Rottingbrain

Read your history all over again Professor A hissed in the way common with the enraged bandicoot

"I know in history all right."

"It could do with a little Miss Y brushing up

ence of Economics to say so " of facts"

'No personalities Miss Y'

You began it Professor A

How about the pr civeman and his mate^{ly}

What about them?

'The troglodyte's mate was his slave. He worked her to the bone. He clubbed her to death if she was unable or unwilling to carry out his behests

How do you know all that?"

'History "

"Your brand of it

"You are very unreasonable

"No personalities, Professor "I don't think it's appropriate A What you are pleased to of language and a sign of ad-for any meddler with the sei- call history is man's distortion valued civilization. The cave-

'Why should he distort the caveman facts?"

'To satisfy his ego. Had the caveman - wielded his club as you think he did he wouldn't have had any woman left, and we wouldn't all have been here Professor A, woman has always been more than a match for man

I don't think so Miss Y

"It doesn't matter what you think, Professor A

What pray were the woman's weapons in the battle of the sexes Miss Y? The man had his club

'And the woman had her snub"

Nonsense A soub is a matter woman could never given it to

'She was in an advanced stage of civilization, while her man was still a savage

You are talking through the back of your neck. Miss Y.

You are holes-501 1

Here I had an odd feeling that Trofessor A was contting flishes of the primitive man and Miss Y of the primitive woman. Do you notice anything strange about those two's I whispered to Professor X Yes I do the whispered back 'Professor A puts me in mind of the coveyon m's mate and Miss Y occubles the eave mans oavy

Tidies and gentleman" Professor C butted in Gend no our ears"

What will be your interest?"

the Head of the Economics Department asked hun

Laughter

"Any student of the man-woman conflict knows that man and woman have then own characteristic and distinctive weapons," orated Professor C, ignoring Professor E, Head of the Economics Department, with lofty disdain 'While man has always been stronger than woman woman has always been subtler than man I am inclined to agree with Miss Y when she says that woman has always been more than a match for man. Our existence proves that the Gavernan's club had limits. The cavewoman must have fought it to her advantage But how? What was her deersive weapon?

Well if you ask me Professor D tried to jump in

said bluntly. I'll do all the ans wering involl. Where was 12





gun and so on are just exten- his anatomy." sions of the hand. Now the woman She doesn't butt into tummes with her head, sho doesn't deliver blows she does 'I don't ask you. Professor C not kick She hasn't the strength for this sort of warfare. However what she lacks in force, Ah, ves What was the primi- she makes up in cunning She tive woman's decisive weapon? sheds tears, she screams, she What could it be? Let us first claws and scrabbles at her opinvestigate man's armoury. He ponents ears and eyes, she butts into his adversary's tuning buttes her teeth into her enwith his head he boxes his the circs wrist, and time I have adversary's ears with his hands, a theory her decisive weapon in he punches him on the nose, the dawn of creation was her he jabs him in the short ribs, nail with which she threatened he kicks him on the shin or the to goinge out the eyes of her seat of the pants. The head, the enemy or her tooth with which hand, the foot, are man's wea- she threatened to bite off large pois. The stick the club the chunks from the fleshy parts of

Wrong!' thundered Professor A, using from his chair and seizmg the chony ruler that had been lying on the long staff-100m table before him

Good God! The man was transformed into the cavemin! That flat top that narrow force head those beetling brows, that bashed in nosc that prognathous jaw that sunken neck that stoop those heavy arms and all!

'Right' screamed Miss Y, sponging from her chair and turning to the caveman, ber eves burning, her teeth bared her fingers ready to take the entrails out of the man before him The cavewoman come to

A smothering hush fell on us We saw Professor A and Miss Y clearing things from before them and posing before each other as their cave dwelling ancestors must have done many a time in the hoars past

Witch! hissed Professor A, his ruler poised for action

'Dog! ground out Miss Y. her nails reads for any eventuality

"Gnn!

"FIIII"

"W hooop!

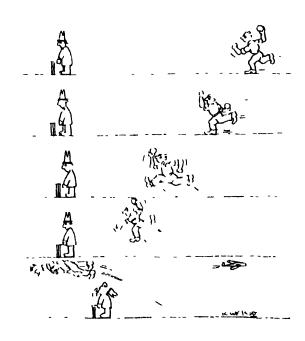
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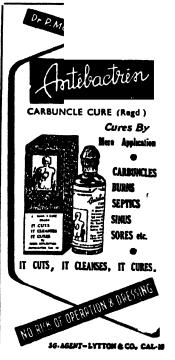
The The ruler struck out

female head ducked and foiled it A blood-cuidling yawl from the man The ruler fell on the floor The woman had dug her teeth into the right arm of the man! She had won!

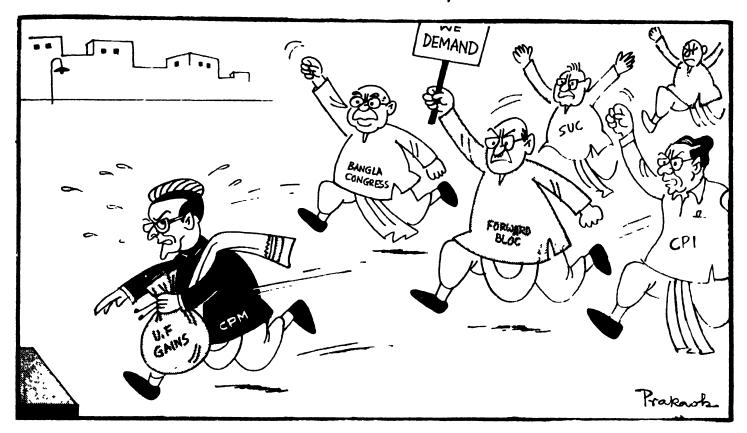
This re-enactment of the rast has brought two facts to light," declaimed Professor C "One is that woman has always had the better of man, the other is that the primitive cave-dweller is still very much active in all of us Ah, I am glad to see Professor A and Miss Y regaining their normal selves?

M A MAZMUDAR





Some are more equal'



The Forward Bloc has joined the Bangla Congress in accusing CP(M) of partisanship

Dream Hotel

FIRED probably by the same hight in the station waiting room genous decor consisting of red tite so that we felt no need to neither Unyamada nor Vijay- ther we were booked at Hotel wada, and indeed where we Swadesh, in which case he and suffice it that it involved a rail ioniney, a stay at a hotel and a short road trip for sightsee-

been confirmed and the recently maugurated hotel had promiwheeled vehicle left in the yard or sisters was a covered cart with a team ourselves for the prospect of a mg gaze from the purely indichad whipped up quite an appeadishes to choose from year of

command

It didn't take us more than half an hour to jog along to the hotel A bevy of brightly got Our advance bookings had up guls were waiting in the porch with glice lamps kumkum' and gulal' They marked sed to send its transport to the our foreheads with the kumkum station to receive us. Imagine circled our faces with the lamps our disappointment then to see and runed our clothes with the all the other detraining passen- gulal before allowing us to enter gers eatch hold of taxis and ton- the hotel, giggling mischievousgas and go away until the only ly all the time like loving young

In the fover the Atthi-Satof gaily caparisoned bullocks kar-Adhipati courteously made a richly dressed jahgudar type space for us on the gaddi in literally, on the rosewood phoola porth major-domo himself pre inside—probably one of the local front of his low dosk while a with burnished brass trappings ceded by a paunch spilling over landed gentry on his own Das-khidmatgar bent to divest us of sara jaint. We were bracing our shoes Tearing our marvell

Dassara spirit that made our when noticing us alone in the triangles, blown-up photos of avail ourselves of tantalising incestors sally forth on their pernow deserted station compound, State Ministers (pro-tem) and aperitus like nativel pain numburiodical conquests, we rashly the jahgitdar shambled up fold-cinema posters which some idle pain, jeera pain and pure pain riodical conquests, we rashly the jaligndar shambled up fold-cinema posters which some idle pain, jeera pain and pure pain decided to visit well it was ed his hands and enquired when hand had completed by pencillo but made a becluic for the dispersion of the pain and pure pain and ing in a moustache or two, we entered our names in a register rows of sandalwood patlas with went is of little consequence, the hotel carriage were at our the size of which, would have delicate ivory inlay, work, the crosed the envy of Chittagupta

> room up a steep narrow stancase with a soiled hanging tope. Fitt motto. Artistic ringoli dedoing duty as bannisters. In corated the floor round the thalis spite of the invitingly simmering, and agarbattis in Tolksy arty copper boiler and tavish supplies, holders were witting an out-ofof soapstone and shikakar pow- this-world perfume to put diners ders in the bathroom, I decid- in a mood to appreciate good ed to postpone all but audinen- food tary ablutions. Not so my wife, who preferred to luvuriate in the already in their places, and a well-appointed bathroom she took her time and had a warm fine whit dhotes now approach wash while I cooled my heels, eded the half - preceded by a with burnished brass trappings ceded by a paunch spilling over that doubled for a sofa-

ing half. There were rows upon thalis as also the sets of 'kattoris' and 'lota-pyala were solid We were then escorted to our beaten silver and bore the emblem of the hotel and its Sans

Most of the other guests were procession of bearers wearing the all dhots that was the brand The journey (and the delay) of his office The variety of

tered for our inspection one by one-here was no western-style menu which nobody understands anyway, even if one has the patience to read it-and soon our plates were heaped and the cups brimming with preparations from the four corners of the country this country Lash angs of further helpings of whatever we functed were freely doled out. Smety minutes of steady browsing and the guests rewarded the kitchen department in the time-honoured manner of giving vent to appreciation of food

After we had washed our hands-we had exten with our Impers naturally-in warm rosewater poured from chased silver smars by a curvaceous young person made up as a mock ma dservant, I would have liked no thing better than to sleep off the long turng day, but my wife thought we peep in at the cabacal Carnatic music was in progress and this would have been a bit too much on top of everyduring the interval

had not yet reached our knees Throwing aside the heavy the plants brocade counterpanes from the beds on the Hoor of course we



Why not get your friends over one day to help clean up ou oun kitchen"

ret. In one of the rooms classi- in less time than it takes to the sightseeing tour, but there write this

The next morning we cleaned thing particularly as our legs our teeth with our own paste were protesting against any fur- and brushes, somehow even my ther floor squatting. In the other, wife couldn't quite make up her room a Bombay fillim was be- mind to use the neem and baing shown and three months bool twigs or the scented cowback we had endured it half dung-chi i coal powder so way through before escaping thoughtfully provided by the hotel Then, as there was still time for the excursion coach to With difficulty we climbed leave, we took a stroll in the the stars to our room clutching gardens, carefully picking our the dirty rope as if it were a way between the rubbish straw and creaking at the joints thrown here and there and tryas it all that glice at dimertime ing to see whether any flowers had been allowed to remain on

We had filled in the neces-

were sleeping like a pair of logs sary from (in quadruplicate) for pıtalıtu must have been some misunder-

standing because we were told

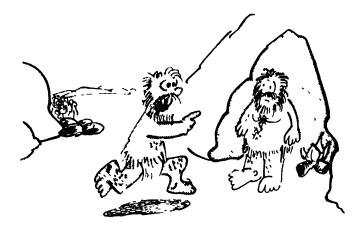
cursionists and the hotel guide as should be to whether money refunded, which came to an abrupt end when the driver threatened to deposit all of us at the closed doors and go back with the empty coach. What had happened to the earlier coach load we never did discover. Our own return journey was uneventful, except that the guide had forgotten to bring drinking water and we were in a parched stupour most of the time, until we skidded at a sharp turn and ian into a wayside banyan

That finally woke me up For I had dozed off in my armchair reading the supplement on Domestic Tourism issued free with my neuspaper, in which Prof. Rachfal had complained that Indian hotels were too westernised they should try to adopt the typical eastern style of furniture food and above all hos-

Thank goodness I had not



"See how townst psychology works — they rush to any place u hich is something-est



The colent mob is putting out all fires"

progress and no visitors were added in the bill itself being allowed for a week

There was an amusing argument between some of the ex-

there were no seats for us. Ano- dreamt on until the bill was prether bus was to leave m an home sented— I'm sure it would have and after some money had been in undecipherable Hindi, changed hands the accompany- with a few innocent-looking but ing guide gave us places on this deliberate totalling mistakes, extra bus When we reached the und the page-boy who brought historic spot which was the it would have waited for a tip, object of the whole exercise, with patience that is sometimes however we found a notice that known as oriental, although a renovations and repairs were in service percentage had been

PRABHAT VAIDYA

Asvina 20, 1891 (Saka)

Bruce and the Editor

AFTER two of my articles writer to be methodical about nearly stopped sending them face. When the atom-bomb had been published in a the business side of his work New Year and Diwah greetings finally puts the world out of born or made Since hundreds ago of others who believe they have creative minds must likeaspring writers

gemus is five percent inspiration and ninety five percent perspiration My own assessment is somewhat different be about alright but for the rest I should say twenty five summer months

case I started writing three achieved without right con- ed by somebody else that very What you write may be bril-years ago and it was not till tacts, influence and pressure morning. This should not put hant but if it carries a plant article it would come back to and said it was an article of er Youth? he should go ahead. The problem of sick sugar me within a fortnight with the faith with them to try their just the same, and make his mills will not cluse the sligh-Editor's regrets. Very often it utmost to discover and en title. Hither and thither test upple in the editor's office

envelope It is important for a came back just the same - I friends and - pumples on the

weekly magazine within three and to keep a record of the eards months, a number of my newspapers to whom the scripts. Another person in my posi- the printing press just before friends and neighbours asked are sent, the date of despatch tion might have tried to exert it is blown up, will have been me about the secret of my suc- and of return etc otherwise one pressure on the cditors by ap- carrying articles on the very cess and how they too could might easily make the mistake proaching the owners of the same subjects. If journals were make a mark in the field of of sending it madvertently to papers and even some MPs or to try to publish nothing but journalism. They also wanted the same paper which had it. MLAs: I must confess I was original thinking, on subjects to know whether writers were turned it only a few weeks greatly tempted to do so but I never touched before, they

which shows signs of laving critical juncture was writers of lowed to happen because of wise be anxious to express been handled by some other integrity and that I would not the large-scale unemployment themeslyes in print, I am put- magazine carber he will reject act in such an unprincipled that would result and the goting down my own experiences it almost automatically. Each manner, at least not for another verimient's frequent assurances in the hope that there will help editor thinks so highly of his few months Also I said to my- that the Press is essential for First of all, it is fan to cau- that all new work is being can play. If the editors keep think of gheraos by the unions tion all whom it may concern offered to him first. This means on rejecting my articles I shall and the glut of newsprint m that writing entails very hard that each piece has to be typed send them bundleds of these the market work. It has been said that afresh for every submission and in the end wear them out Postage and typing cost a lot I shall go on writing till they and that is perhaps what they run out of rejection slips have in mind when they say. Now about actual writing that unless a budding author One difficulty the beginner ex- a disparaging sense. Old wine The figure for genius seems to has private means he will get periences is thinking up ideas is their bread and butter, to deeper into debt

percent typewriting and seven cripts had come back from zines as one can and see what the but when there is any shortty percent perspiration, the lat- every magazine, I was forced they are publishing. But there age of these they expect that at ter a little more so during to take stock of the situation is a snag in this for the novice What one needs above all is corruption was so rampant in had just been on the point of perseverance. Take my own the land that nothing could be writing about has been cover-matter of titles for your articles. last July that I first appeared So I met some editors per- him off really II there has self explanatory title you are in print Everytime I sent an sonally. They were very inco been an article entitled. Whith- asking for instant rejection was returned within three or courage new talent. They seem Youth! four days, leading me to sus- ed impressed when I told them pect that it had not been read that some of my things had that there is hardly anything not bother to read even the at all been published in my school new under the sun. The first second paragraph before in-But I was not defeated and magazine years ago and also women's magazine in the world tralling o'k on it. This also ex-sent the same manuscript to lately a "letter to the editor" must have had articles on how plans why this article carries another magazine, attaching a in a prominent daily paper to cope with mothers-in-law, the title it does fresh self-addressed stamped The next articles I sent to them wayward children husbands

told myself that what the would fold up within a month When an editor gets a script country needed most at this. This, of course cannot be al-

for his articles. The answer to mix the After several of my manus- this is to read as many maga- somewhat. They like new bot-It was suggested to me that He will notice that what he

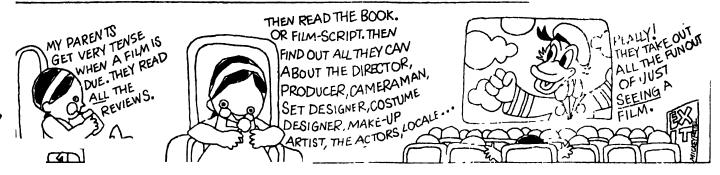
action the magizine folling off own paper that he likes to feel self this was a game which two democracy. Then one must also

> A well-known editor told me in confidence that in journalistic curles, the phrase "old wine in new bottles is not used in metaphorical menu least the labels will be fresh and bright

Which brings me to the but call your piece. Nationa-The thing to remember is listed Sweetmeats? and be will

HARAL





-FILMS-

The Happiest Millionaire"

THE sentimental comedy apart. Messis George & Co. Alligators Inc., provide the Disncy touch to this Walt Disney 20th century romantic tale



'The Millionanes

in their long careers have alsof possession ways fascinated the audiences

friends have a lot of time in the direction are groups of beach ring and their dexterity just as boxs beatniks and outright their wit is superior to the New freaks who are churning up a

York money makers represented by Angic and his overmothering mother. Angle's preoccupation with automobiles in situations of iomance with Cordic are amusing, yet the two are in love and studios production of an early have to weather the hard way the petty storms raised by their which is crooned almost all the two sneering societies and resway making its clipped dialogue pective families. Tominy Steel an exquisite superflinty. To this serves the Trish sauce which musicality. George contributes adds pungency to the proceedhis valiant best with his human lings particularly at the bar responses to his master the h- which sticulfs rain Old world beral eccentric millionaire's charm yes, old world righteous-(Fred McMinrays) calls. What ness ves too, but the eccentric with the irrelevance today of inilhonaire and his retinue prove the American big town, rich-more tolerant and engaging than the New York city-slickers Minus the music and plus more alligators, the whole thing could have been done in half the time. for more satisfactory entertainment as a social from Disneyland but then one fiked to cariv memories of Green Garson's acting however slight her part

"The Sweet Ride"

THIS picture marked to an extent the generation gap in the andiences at our theatre, though it was not certain which end of the gap—was more—amused or puzzled—Probably—the youth densed more vicariously out of it than the elders but with what degree of understanding gap itself looks as phoney' surf swimmer takes a peck at the American and squeamishness but is with-phenomenon youth breaking loose from the convention ridden society and ige. But it must be said that the picture has not pretended to have set itself the task of posing or solving a social, emotional or age group problem. It takes, on the other hand, a candid and mterested look at close range and with an observant eye at the folk invalues and jedousies of revolt, or dropping out or call the opening of the century (Phi it what you will, which is disladelphra vs. New York 1916) sociating western, particularly and the halting pace, the film American, youth from the norms tails to take off Yet it is redo and mores, affectations and pruand mores, affectations and prutent of the memorable acting of dery and perhaps the hypoenstars like Greer Garson and Fred sics too of a generation lost in McMurray whose performances acquisitive pursuits and the love

The subject for the cameras The boxing Biddle (Fred Mc- (in addition to beautiful stret-Murray) Bible group family and clies of surf) and for the able worth



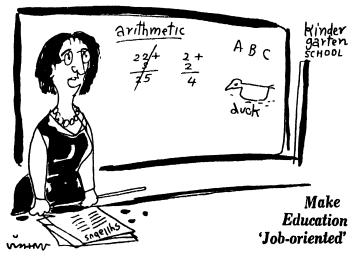
"Su ect Ride"

life of their own, their means out Danny's sense of famplay being ostensibly marginal but and gallantry in going out to betheir spirited minds set against friend the 'bud' (Jacqueline Bisobsessive sham. In the process, set). The same directorial care the slender romantic theme has compares (or is it, contrasts?) the to weave through a maze of extrovert situations which display a drop-outs with the innate streak commendable degree of honesty of violence in the old man even in their freakishness, their who'd shoot the chappie who tendency to violence and in sheer escape as in the sensitive-

of a three-some inhabiting a direction and editing being not beach shandy, the second being so much story-bound as a takea beat planist who hates the draft eard, and the thud Michael Sarrazm (Danny) the it is difficult to say as our romantic bikmi-bird-watcher and The youth gap itself looks as phoney and interpretable company questions are put or answered, as other things about us. Well, are in respectable company questions are put or answered, this 20th Century Fox release is "birdwatching" for the old it is just as well. Perhaps it is the early even in the States. different from 100-of-the-mill fogey of a neighbour is equip- ver too early even in the States Hollywood in the sense that it ped with powerful telescopes to probe the depths of the youth

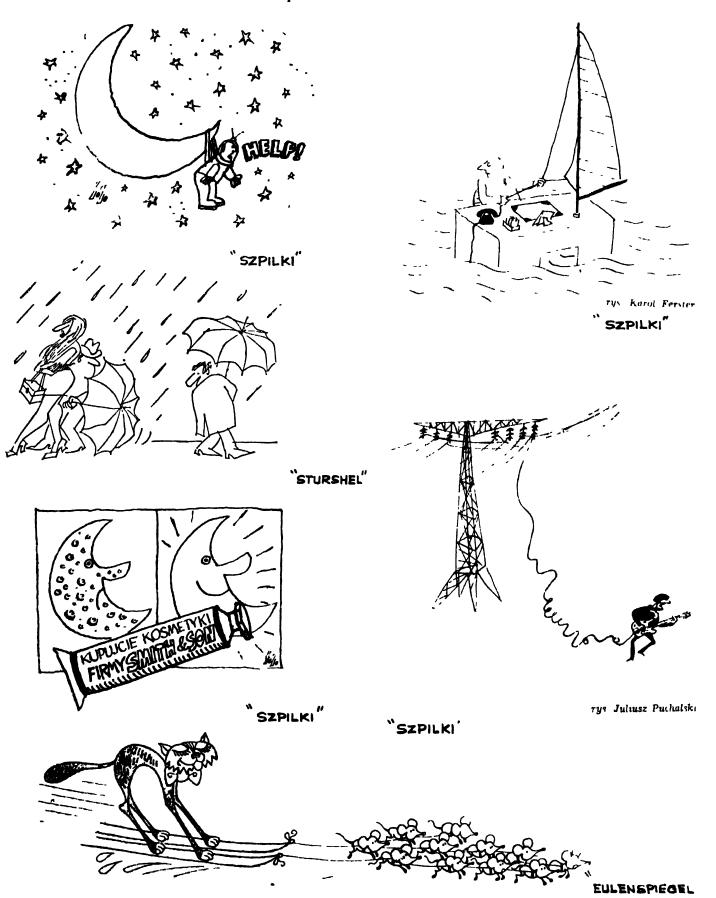
cruption of violence among the lifts his morning paper

The tragic romance between ly photographed sequence of a Damy and the surf-bathing psychedelic swing joint beauty is captured in vignettes Tony Fransiosca is the leader now and again, the scheme of in of the way this cross section of youth lives, which emematically proves ample and rewardmg As we said earlier, if no



"There is no need at the beginning of each lesson to ask if it is job-oriented

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Teeth-tail Talk-in

DEFENCE OF INDIA Press Institute of India Vikas Publications, Delhi 1969 (pp 102, price Rs 12

book were originally presented at a semmar organized so in 'defence-writing Picss Institute, the sponsor of the semmar, has obviously a poor view of the perception and knowledge of journalists and its more perception than assumed by the seminar, and this is especially true of those who write anonymously and pseudonymously! In any case, one should have thought an intellectual ballast is what helps the listeners, whatever be their level, which none of the papers does Only one contributor-II carat--twenty-two carat confu- 'tail jobs to the civil sector, thus of which had led to com-

Arjan Singh, whose haimless paper seems to have raised a for the benefit of journalists storm in a tea cup, that the paspecializing, or intending to do pers are reproduced in the book as they originally were written!

The cast of the book itself is quite impressive, with representation to the teeth and the tail of our Defence set-up, possibly Director Chanchal Sarkar says of our Defence set-up, possibly as much in his preface. It is our safe of the Latter which have view that our journalists have ratio of the latter, which may well explain the resultant strikeforce of the book! The effort seems to be to bamboozle the poor journalists, an essential part no doubt of the strategy against the enemy, so each luminary roars like a lion, Dr Bhagavantam deserving special mention in this respect

One of the recurring themes fourteen-day Indo-Pakistan con- end J N Chaudhurry prescripting rifles, shot guus,

ratio" (p 6) raises the question afford to keep its investment whether a monkey becomes a idle (p 49) Yes, to some ex-I muc papers in this small sion should satisfy Air Marshal human by hiding its tail be- tent at least, if defence effort tween its hind legs. The Gen- is wholly in the public sector eral gives the impression of not All of us know of countries being clear that the teeth-tail ratio and the ratio of distributeffort is contributed by the tion of defence effort between the defence and civil sectors are distinct from each other

> The General (p 6) and Admiral A K. Chatterji (p 21) agree that there is not any real threat to security from the sea. The latter apprehends some danger to our island territories because Sumatra is close to Nicobai (p 21), but so is Nicobar close to Sumatia, and Indonesia would share our apprehension more especially because our Admiral has put this in black and white!

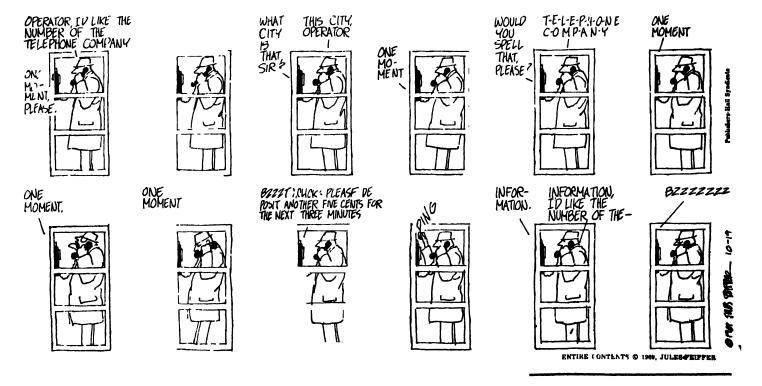
Defence Secretary H C M Patel, one-time Defence Sec- of the book is that more of the Sarin provides evidence that retary- makes an effort to deal defence effort should be left to the defence sector tends to bewith the nuclear question, but the private sector This is at best come an independent creature it is rather half-baked and half- a debatable question, this book with a dynamic of its own hearted Incidentally, Patel calls itself contributing very little to. We can afford to pay more the recent Indo-Pak war "the an intelligent debate But Gen- attention to producing sportthet' (p 61) This fourteen tion to "farm out many of the shot gun ammunition, shortage

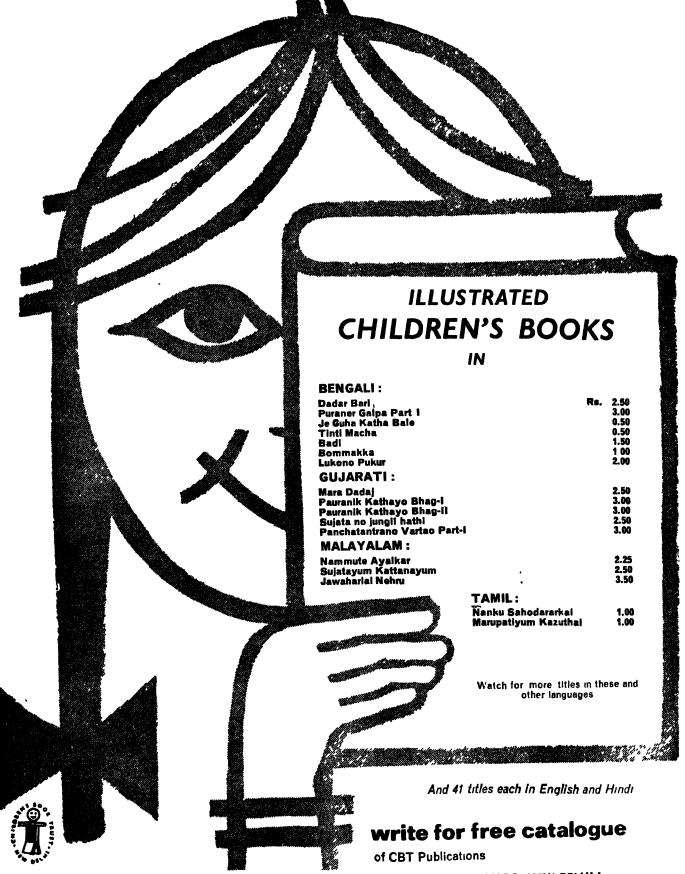
improving the teeth-to-tail plaints," and, "No country can where a good deal of detence private sector and so the mar-ket mechanism is an important policy dictate for governments.

Home Deputy Secretary B. S Raghavan advances the clever view that we do not do much better administratively during war than normally, only m the case of war, the public attributes lapses to the perfi-dious enemy Probably this is the kind of thing Chanchal Sarkar had in mind when he concludes by saying that, "for the listening journalists, a good 80 per cent of what (was) said was until then unknown" (p 86) In any case, Raghavan's revelation that "some 4,000 people including journalists were rounded up" (p 72) dur-ing the Indo-Pak war must have considerably toned up the perception of the journalists specializing on Defence

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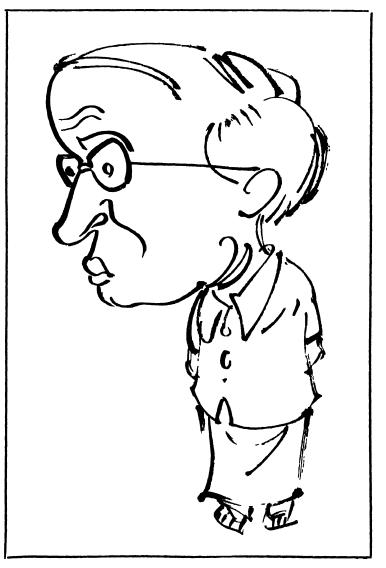
THE Congress Party, one is repeatedly told, is pathologically afflicted with the death wish. But should it wish for a farcical death, without a scrap of dignity left when it breathes its last? How else does one explain the way in which the two factions are fighting each other. Mr. Nijalingappa, aided and abetted by men who are still licking their wounds, foozles his plans to rid the party of Mrs. Candhis men in key positions, digs up an old rule and says that so and so should not be both a Minister and a PCC office bearer, apparently forgetting that he did so himself for quite some time. He then plans the dislodging of Subramaniam from the Working Committee but is caught in the act, the spying system of the other camp being more efficient than the discretion of his own. More letters, in answer this time to unwritten ones, and then the counter-attack Mrs. Candhi takes it out on some jumor Ministers who were known to be friends of the other faction. Her father used to do such hatchet jobs with a greater regard for appearances When he Kamaraj-ed a number of people he wanted to get rid of, he threw in for good measure - and for the sake of appearances - two others who deserved to go on ments. Nehru could then argue that what he did was a piece of streamlining of his Cabinet Mrs. Gandhi has apparently no use for such pretences

We then have a signature campaign for wresting the leadership from the Syndicate and a counter-plotting with distinct regional overtones. Sanjiva Reddy wanting to bus saplings for his farm from Lal Baug in Bangalore — the same Lal Baug that was responsible for his losing his Speakership without becoming President — drops in on Mr. Nijalingappa, with Mr. Kamaraj being present quite coincidentally. They went thoroughly into the merits of the saplings that Mr. Sanjiva Reddy bought.

Meantime, the country is steadily going to tack and rum, with the communal fires spreading far and wide. A wolf whistle from a boy to a girl, and the communities are arrayed in battle. A procession to immerse Durga, and the two communities are ready to find an occasion for settling scores. No one thinks it incongruous that an old man of eighty come all the way from Afghanistan should decide for old time's sake to spend a fortnight in Ahmedabad to make men see reason What prevents the warring leadership from going and organising rehabilitation and bringing the healing touch in Ahmedabad? Death wish — the wish for undignified death of a party that had known better times.

The Man of the Week

CONTRACTOR CONTRACTOR



PLEASE TURN OVER FOR PEN PORTRAIT

Shadow Correspondence

PROVINCE to province the CPI(M) = as indeedevery other party -- seems to be bearing out a suirealistically varied genius. It is only thus we can understand its infantilism in Kerala, where unlike even in Bengal, the party inherited the compact structure of the nationalist leadership But nationalist leadership while in Bengal the CPI(M) has managed to miolie the masses in the larger momentum of things, in Kerala it has done little more than play parliamentary politics FMS Namboodiripad symbolised this play, contained it in his own tentative personality and clothed its sterile ratiocination in his winning hesitancies of speech But behind this charming effigy the politics was getting in-creasingly bizarre When Namboodurpad made his tedious analyses of the Constitution, he was not at a mere Brahmmeal parody of polemics The CPI(M) was looking for its alibe in the Constitution In pious denunciation of the Constitution, in the verbal fend against the Centre and in the nagging war on the coalition partners, the party sought a vain escape from the desperate organic malady which was fast paralysmg it

This is the meaning of the CPI-CPI(M) infighting in Kerala It is not a quariel over ideological emphases, not that wars of exegesis are tess sterile and unreal. The perils of popular-frontism have complicated the situation even more In other words, with the masses excluded from participation and driven to cynicism, the (PI(M) along with other parties was getting incolved in the politics of shifting provies

The two meannations of Namboodiripad, during his first Chief Ministership and non complete the left decline in summary It is a depressure realisation Namboodnipad is a man of national dimensions, one of a dyng tibe of stalwarts, caught up in a process of provincial decline.

THERE has been a bill in the contemplating a letter of this first-and-question-later kind of i nondence been worked out and letters double-mirroring respondence

Letter from PM's camp to the Congress President's camp Dear Shir Ngalingappa,

excellent authority that you are an unfortunate split in the cerely party. We would be grateful il you would in terms of the Unity Resolution of August 25, From Mrs Indira Gandhi's desist from writing this letter, camp to the Congress Presiwhich is against the letter and dent's camp spirit of the Resolution Lat Dear Congress Presidentii, Hind! - Yours sincerely,

Letter from the Congress President's camp to the PM's

My dear Indrap,

he proposing to write Though our agreement to follow the it is true enough that I may be double-mirror system of reply-

mankoil on the lines indicated opinion of Allahabad proposing to write a letter to like to the said secretary and, smeerely the secretary of the Mariam equally unaccountably, Mr. C. manked village mandal commit- Subramanian has conceived a camp to the PM's camp tee why he should not be dis- great admiration for the excelqualified pronto from holding lent work done by the said the post of panchavat president mandal secretary for rousing and the office of the secretary mass cuthusiasm for bank of the mandal committee. We nationalisation. You know that further understand that you since I left Central College in propose to invoke the rule the Bangalore, I have steadily be-Congress adopted in the Surat heved in the inevitability of Congress in 1907, just as Lok-bank nationalisation. And yet, manya Tilak was forcibly enter- it has been made to appear by ing the dais and the meeting your friends that I am opposed protesting at the way in which was dissolved by the President, to it. This slander must stop We consider this a most un. Hope I have provided you with a regional colouration to the called-for invocation of a the letter for which I have aldoubtful rule and would like ready received your reply tul thing to do Saniva Reddy to wain you that it will lead to Vande Mataran! - Yours sm-

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had a dream in which you ing in the UF in Kerala. The fancy yourself as writing a climate of Bangalore as you letter to me about the scandalous way, according to you, the asked them down I therefore meeting at Bangalore between protest strongly at the imputayou, Mi Sanjiva Reddy and tion of regional plotting by us I am astounded that you Mr Kanjaraj has been treated devoted stalwarts of the Conshould have chosen to write to as the South plotting against gress me a letter about a letter I may the North In pursuance of sincerely

correspondence between kind, the reversal of the order correspondence, I propose to the Syndicate and the Indicate of letters is somewhat exhaust- reply to this dream letter of lately. They are, of course, mg. I agree that this reversal yours. You will agree that not on speaking terms, but that of the normal order does not there is something odd in such has not prevented them from make the slightest difference, a conneidence of you four (not being furiously writing letters since your letter makes sense excluding Mr Abraham of to each other. There is some in terms of what I do propose Kerala) meeting. It is not danger of the art of letter writto write. All that the general quite like the famous meeting mig dying of neglect. So, just public has to do is exactly of the "Syndicate" at Trupati. That meeting, attended as it reliables of the true feature layer of the true feature of the real and when she stray. bers of the two factions have ed into Wonderland through putedly was by Patilji and been asked by their respective the looking glass. As we have Atulya da, had no regional leaders to keep up shadow cor- all been taught in our science overtones, whatever else it And since the classes, a mirror image reflect might have had. But this is a Unity Resolution has specifical-ted in another muior restores different kettle of fish ally enjoined the sinking of the original form and shape together. And how can we for-differences and working to- and orientations, and all that get that Mi Kamaraj has gether, a modus vivendi has the public has to do is a verbal promised a cleansing movement from the South, with are written and answered. Coming to the questions for the especial blessing of Gandhi-largely through the agency of which yours is an answer, it is ji, who according to him had a spies that each side has plan-true that I propose to address high opinion of Tamil Nadu ted in the other's camp Here the letter to the secretary of the since his South African days' is a selection from such coi- mandal committee of Manam- Gandhiji had an even higher in your letter. This is done in quote texts to the effect, if you the interests of and in pursu- wish. Therefore, I think you ance of the Unity Resolution are protesting too much when to which we are all unalterably you say that it is a sin to cast We have come to know on committed Besides, Shri such aspersion on you good collect authority that you are Kamaraj has taken a strong dispeople. Jai Hud!—Yours

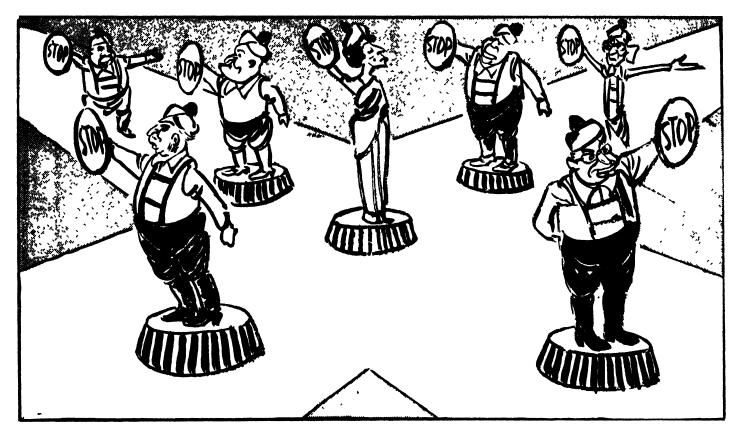
Letter from Nyalingappa's

My dead Indnan,

How wonderful that you should have an almost telepathic perception of inv dream to write the letter to which yours is a reply? That was indeed my dream. So, for the sake of formalising the position, I am writing to you this letter your friends have been giving Bangalore meeting It is a sinof the famed Mysore mango which has been developed by the horticultural section of Lal Baug I had asked him to drop in any time that suited him. Kamaraj-ji badly needed rest after his exertions in ousting Subramaniam Shri Abraham I understand that you have has had enough of the infightknow is salubrious and I had Vande Mataram!-Yours'

JASON

Traffic under control



Mr Nijalingappa says, the Congress is at the crossroads

Kerala Report

AFTER the Governor accepted used to stop the labourers from State. The poster denounced the State, in which honest exthe resignations of the seven carting things out Kerala Ministers uncertainty still persisted Marxist boss Gopalan told a Press Conference gued by the sudden appearance the fields of Kerala there were that the Governor was after all of political posters on the walls no roads but cart tracks the instrument of a bourgeois in Trivandrum. The State's In-Constitution voted in by a non-formation. Directorate demed representative Constituent As- that the posters were then sembly The acceptance of the handiwork, but Central Intelliresignations by the Governor, gence sources said that they if this meant the Ministers con-tinued to be in office, Gopalan ong the Cultural Revolution in thirteen flowers bloom Let merely said, "They are our com-China" this meant the Ministers con-tinued to be in office, Gopalan ong the Cultural Revolution in thirteen flowers bloom Let thirteen ministers and thirteen This was t tinued to be in office, Gopalan ing the Cultural Revolution in merely said, "They are our comrades and colleagues, the running dogs of socialism.'

ristically cautious The Mini- tion between modern revision front ministers meanwhile were 1sts and the international cartels, said that though they had varyfaced with an unprecedented No revolution, it continued, was ing degrees of respect for the standing between the Centre problem. They could not move green another constitution and and the CPMP said he There problem They could not move green their personal belongings out of their old ministerial residences needed for the job.

One such poster said that the tend against one another Green Revolution was bourgeos Namboodiripad was characte- humbug, a result of collabora-

They just could not hire the men the ex-Agriculture Minister M determined that the Chief Mi- gree dogs for instance, or old needed for the job.

N Govindan Nair for having pister should recognise their school ties. Cambridge, Haitried to blunt the militancy of status as ex-ministers. They bit- row Lton, Oxford, these are the The State's Home Ministry the people by claiming a 40 per terly complained against the fountainheads of Indian nationdenied that the Police had been cent higher yield of rice in the state of lawlessness prevalent in them is well as of the Indian te

hum as a capitalist tracker. This ministers were physically pre-was an agricultural equivalent vented from shifting out of their Political observers were inti- of the capitalist roader, since in old ministerial residences

Nair posters were commissioned illegal occupation and trespiss. by the Information Ministry, one therefore, had no sanctity. Asked, were large character posters the of the district level. Marxist conspiracy to legitimise illegal sets of corruption charges con-

> ministers met the Press They of the Governor's acceptance of are areas of understanding, in Yet another poster denounced their resignations, yet they were fact. The proper care of pedi-

We are reduced to the status of illegal occupants," said CPI's When the suggestion was re-Govindan Nair, we do not want peated that the anti-Govindan that status. We are opposed to This is part of a Centre CPM

This was the first time the suggestion was being made that there was a collusion between the CPM and the Centre In Meanwhile the Mini-front ex- Bengal Deputy Chief Minister Tyou Basin reacted sharply. "What if there is some under-

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Im fasting to solve the problem which is evading solution

volution and the CPM has no struck between the Congress intentions of repudiating them

commit heiself in the matter She merely said that many of members of the same revolutionary campus clubs, and so on-

However, old school ties were not much in evidence between Bengal CPM and the Ketala CPM A CPM leader from Bengal said that it was tragic that the revolution had come first to native scholars of the Vedas bkc E M S Namboodiripad Kail Maix had predicted that it would come instead to Oxford and Cunbridge graduates, because these were towns of a highly industrialised country Only an industrialised nation could have a proletariat A backward and brahinmical society could muster only peasants, and peasants made nothing better than Mao style revolutions, which were no revolutions at all Perhaps they collaborated in things like the Green Revolution It was all anti-Marxian and anti-people

Meanwhile in Delhi it was insinuated that a deal had been sive measures."

Marxists and the Communist Marxists—It was suggested that The Prime Manster refused to $m _{III-1}$ return for the CPM's backing of bank national sation the Centic was shielding the amorphous them were old class fellows legal situation that arose out of the continuance of the Minifront ex-ministers in their nimisterial residences

> Asked to comment the Unon Law Minister himself a former Chief Minister of Travancore-Cochin, said that the laws of the land were adequate to deal with any situation and in the event of an emergen y one could always break and improvise them. Thus practically every eventuality was covered

But Sn, asked a questioner, "what precisely is the position?"

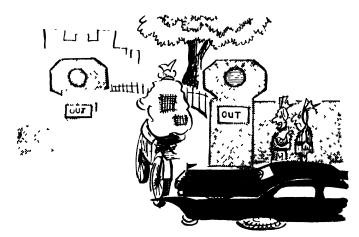
Nothing precisely," said the inster—"we are not dealing amined koys, declared that Left refused to help the liberation of Minister

Said a commentator, "The Prime instead of armed resistance, Manister hopes to lean heavily on the Marxists of Kerala and

Muslim League Minister Moh- man said that it was EMS who

But the suspicions remained ing higher agricultural yields

The Mini-front ex-ministers Bengal in her future confronta- denied each one of these chartions with the Syndicate and in ges. They again reminded the the possible fluidity that will people how they had ceased to follow the 1972 elections. And be ministers, but criminal gangs therefore as a part of the price instigated by the police and the paid in advance, she is getting Marxist Party were preventing the CPM detain mini-front ex- them from leaving their houses ministers in their ministerial and their portfolios. The Mushouses and expose them cons- lim League ex-minister refuted tantly to public ridicule. The the allegation of infantile dis-State's Department of Informa- orders, and said it was the Martion, it is reliably learnt, has vists who were making little been renamed the Department children ill to hasten an armed of Public Richeule" conflict in the country. The Socialist ex-min ster said he was The posters continued to apnot an Hindi fanatic, since he pear in Trivandrum. One dealed did not know Hindi, and was ing with the inisdeeds of the only a simple fanatic. The CPI

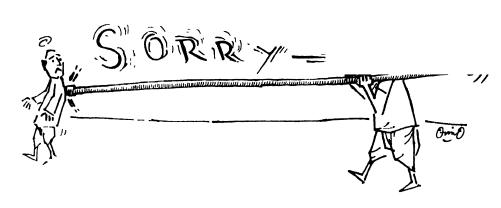


'He's going to see Badshah Khan"

with anything precisely. It is Wing communalism was an in-South Viet Nam and the Na-another word for dogmatism famile disorder Another brand-tional Laberation Front was well We are pragmatists and the si- ed the Socialist Minister Kurup aware of this "If the Marxists tuation is constantly evolving a Hindi fanatic CPI's Govin-ultimately let down the heroic But just one thing we are cer- dan Nan was accused of pre- Viet Cong," said Govindan Nair, tam of, and that is the tremen-venting the liberation of South "the fraternal Japanese indusdous mass support the Prime Viet Nam by encouraging the trialists will help the forces of Minister has for all her progress idea that American imperialism liberation' could be defeated through rais-

Meanwhile electricity and water supply to the houses of the six ex-ministers was cut off, Rabat-style A promment CPM newspaper declared editorially, "This will complete the destruction of the anti-people forces."

A slender possibility of compromise appeared when the CPM agreed to lift the siege on condition that the Mini-front tabled a motion of no confidence. against the Chief Minister.



CACTUS

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Status quo ante



In West Bengal the UF parties have been unable to solve they differences

Martyrs' who is who

Martyrs was released in tish Mrs Gandhi also, it is said politically, and were she thus tyred first in 1960 and later in Delhi. You have all the infor- has been hearing voices. This annihilated politically who will 1964 after the White Paper ind-

Gandhi, Shrimati Indira

tionalised large parts of France, confusing the clerks at the coun-ray's machinations? which meant that she returned ter The tough men of the Synchunks of territory which were trying to frustrate whatever she

wears a look of martyrdom in such expressions of solidarity? spite of the tight security ring the French Government dicate are after her They are Namboodiripad, E.M.S.

Hers is the martyrdom of the that protects her. Unlike Joan's A wider application of this he was getting well, but that did frail female constantly sought to martyrdom which was crude and martyrdom is possible. Jvoti not blast his hopes. The first be done down by tough and explicit, Mrs. Gandhi's is sub- Basu is a hardened communist, thing he said on landing in Triheartless men She has not failed dued and subtle. All the same but will it be possible for him vandrum was that he had been to remind the people that this she uses it as effectively as any to resist the appeal of martyr-politically dead for two months is so The reference to Joan of regular martyr. For instance, dom if Mrs Gandhi were to tell. This was an opening gambit Arc, for instance, illustrates the faced with a hundred depositors him that the Syndicate was try- which suggested agony and point Joan, a French lady who who come to her to complain ing to denationalise the banks, martyrdom it was meant to lead heard voices, and chose to go against bank counters transact. Or again, would it be possible up to a later exposition of marinto battle instead of consulting ing business slower than earlier, for the symbol of the Southern tyrdom itself. As the affairs of an ear doctor, ultimately ended she tells, them that she has personality, Chief Minister Karuthe United. Front got out of up in a blaze of glory, literally taken over the banks for their namdhi, to ignore the pathos of hand Charl Minister Namboodithat is But before that, she na- sake, but that the Syndicate is her helplessness against Kama- ripad decided to use the ultimate

EMS Namboodnipad is our would not oblige

LAST week a Who's Who of under the occupation of the Bir-does in order to annihilate her Martyr Emeritus. He was marmation you need about obvious allegation has come principally take over the banks for the peo- term elections. Namboodiripad martyrs from Vasudev Phadke from men like Nijalingappa and pler To whom can they come less become so used to martyrdownwards. Given below are a Kamaraj, who complain their in such large numbers and condem that he lays greater store few omissions which we here try telephones are tapped. What-fide their troubles Who else by it than by Marxism itself to make good. When he went away to East Germany for treatment and stayed there two months, he thought weapon of the working class, na nely martyrdom. But this time he knew that the class enemy The Union'



'No. I'd try them standing

list classes, not to speak of for-engaged in it long enough eign imperialism, made Namboodiripad understand that it minded her that she was the the

Home Ministry, which is an was politics, and even a woman agent of the feudal and capita- grew hard and cynical when

In the end Namboodiripad would not oblige by interven turned to a source which to mg. The Prime Minister was most people appeared odd and sounded out. She too was un- unexpected. He turned to his willing to intervene, Namboo colleagues in the United Front, diripad is reported to have re- the Communist Party of India, Revolutionary fast to intervene in Kerala To Party, the Muslim League and these tender and nostalgic re- the Indian Socialist Party, to ferences the Prime Minister invest him with the halo of turned a deaf ear Atter all, this martyrdom. They took the first

afraid to help the revolution-ary cause too much As we go with even the conquest of into print, Namboodiripad has space not making matters made them the request that they bright for him and his party fidence in him. This they have sense, Comrade Dange has beare being instigated by reaction- and hence a vital factor in Inary interests who do not want dian politics. to see Namboodiripad maityr-ed But as a great strategist, Namboodiripad is expected to

step by resigning from the Min- ching of Soyuz 6, 7 and 8 But they stopped there, have only further accentuashould table a motion of no-con- no more there in the physical refused to do Obviously they come almost the ideal martyr

Sundarayya, P.

This veteran Marxist started capalitalise even on this dilem- off with a good deal of hope. ma He would tell his people. He was known to have told a that he is being made the informer colleague that he hopnocent victim of a conspiracy ed to end up like Aidit. But between the four breakaway the class enemy was bent upon part es and the Union Home keeping this felicity away from Ministry, neither of whom him Sundarayya's hope was exwould want him to be martyr- pressed five years ago, during ed This again is another kind the days of the White Paper. In



"My learned adversary has gone to cool down, Your Honour."



"The poor quality of our product makes it impossible to implement our decision

ing than the earlier ones

Dange, Sripad Amrit

S A. Dange joins the illustrious ranks of Communist maramong whom are two kinds One variety is the Communist who perished in the purges. The other is the Communist who perished trying to defend the perishing Comrade Dange belongs to the latter kind. His martyrdom has been made even more poignant by the political compulsions which pre- ry for him. And this would be vented him from removing his the beginning of a wave of presence from public life. The sympathy in favour of CPM, achievements of the world working classes, like the laun-

of martyrdom, even more touch- the half decade that followed, the CPM has been made more and more respectable. There is prospect of the party becoming a part of the Establishment itself, with the Soviet Union giving it recognition and official satellite status in return for its support on the Czechoslovak Sundarayya would be issue a sad man thereafter. He would go hack to the working masses and tell them that despite his best efforts, disaster has eluded him. The people would feel sor-

PERRY HARRIS



They made love, not war

(From Our Roving Correspondent)

Norman Mailer had seen the wishing that the subs had spiked Chandigarh Morcha, he would that copy for once. have called it 'Armies of Daylight' There was nothing nocturnal about the operation. On was a roar of trucks and buses humoured heave And the consthew of the bourgeois State but the eve of M-day I went to Mo- and jeeps and cars and tractors tabulary was complainant. Fall for the title deeds of an importretired Sikh engineer was giving opened the sluice-gates towards dance a vigorous Bhangra num-finishing touches to the water Chandigarh ber to the beat of band-druins. Sangh saffron but they run as finishing touches to the water Chandigarh supply arrangement and other
Morcha logistics A few policement sat here and there, hardly bothering to notice the intrision. A group of drunken Sikhs

The watching crowd claps, more froth and foam on the maintenance of the procession route but the procession route but the procession route but the sion dissolves in the October and the sion dissolves are single s passed by, aim in arm, snatch- sun. A gaggle of girls streaks vanguard moves on. The gap is chanted by Bengali processioning at a song that remained unsured the calcuttan sung "Is this the Mohali camp?" kameez bursting at the stitches of Central Reserve Police and phool ulab da, Chandigarh, "Ha'anji," someone answered The Jat policeman twils his escorting jeeps. The long arm Punjab da. (The rose has its the query in monosyllable. The moustache with a far-away of law being part of a process blossom, and Chandigarh is for barricades of boredom were gleam in his eyes. If a crowd sion provokes an old Calcutta Punjab) "Hindu-Sikh Ekta Zin-

Somewhere in Chandigarh, hard to break. The knowledge- can wink together, it did October 17: able pressmen filed the night's MORCHA is not a march

It Sant Fatch Singh Lattle did tant splutter of massed internal van would have rused hell." A

hali, the base camp, a few miles. They were coming from all back a little, please, just a little, "ed city. The issue is real estate, off the city limits, hoping to run parts of Punjab, and kept on "Koi bath nahin, bhaisaab," not your blooming ideology into fierce-looking Nihangs bi- coming. The rotis came off the And that was that vouacking. (I had seen them assembly lines and were eaten coming, the day before, in con- up by the incoming hirsute hu- The Sant is barely visible in voys of hoises and covered wa- manity. Mohali ceased to be a the huddle of turbans, grey han gons) There was the pleasura- dot on the map. It became an and garlands in the jeep. But. Oh, isn't that the Congress ble anticipation of being chal- crupting earth, belching rustic the smile comes through in mass-flag. They are in it, too, a longed and an escapade, per- Punjab as raw as they still go sive flishes. The street is span- token presence. What a miserlonged and an escapade, per-Punjab as raw as they still go sive flishes. The street is span-token presence. What a miser-haps. Nothing happened. The The Akali volunteers dammed gled yellow with Panthic flags able token! A few tireolouis lost village was as sleepy as ever. A the human lava flow, and then and festoons. A few hefty Sikhs in a vellow, flood. There are

is an act of faith, not so they imagine that the next even-combustion engines and the ap- bystander whispers that the parmuch a gesture of defiance. If mg they would all be heartly proaching cacophony of mikes tisans of Green Revolution are Norman Mailer had seen the wishing that the subs had spiked. The policemen stiften, a whistle different from anarchic mobs blows, and the citizens jostle They have more to lose than nearer the path. No push or their watch-chains After all, soon East was Red. There pull, however Only a good- they are agitating not for over-

hand to snort. What kind of jathas these Punjabis have? In Talk not of Inquilab to the modern Punjabi. Talk of inputs The Sant is barely visible in and you get a good piess

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gath Punjab ka" The same that too occasionally question and the same reply, mile after weary nule and the gun on their faces stays without of the procession touched the a shift of muscle. A tired Sarcity. It is getting to be 4 p.m., dar drops the superfluous words the leaders have presented the and keeps on shouting just memorandum to the Chief Coin-"Chandigath." You july well missioner and dispersed. Yet know what he means. Another, the tail of the piocession has saying 'Chandigarh Do" for the hardly left Mohali, 14 kilometres thousandth time, drops off to the away. The satiated city longs footpath and tells the onlookers for an end to it all. It is a welbada and sambhar

young men? It is mostly the and fun rural gentry with a middle-age spread and greying beards. Not Tailpiece. One of the ban-the very affluent ones. They neis in the procession read too have come, in fleets of Fiats "East African Indians demand and Ambassadors and Lambret Chandigarh for Punjab"

dabad." Amidst this studied tas not to join the procession chant a Communist (Marxist) but to watch it grandly with their batch got in a slogan edgeways womenfolk dressed in their ny-'Lal]handa Zindabad" From lon best. In Punjab it is gov-th. Jana Sangh batch close be-erment of the kulaks for the hind comes an answering shout, kulaks by the kulaks. What for Bharat Mata ki Jar" And a few should they be angry. As for tollowed all round, and half a tioning of the body. Production grizzled Sikh veterans round off Chandigarh, the Ludhiana pac-dozen members directly started is the only way out-creation of the exchange with a resounding kage plan heroes do not really "Sat Sri Akal' But the voice earc, but when the Sant gives the volleys are not fired in larger call they just line up and chant, The laughing faces and the clap- Curiously, Mrs. Gandhi is sparping hands proclaim the bonho- ed by the Morcha sloganists, mie of the marching crowd Two The only 'Mindabad' is reserved middle-aged Sikhs in a jeep for-of all persons-the cowcarry on a running duet in Hindi struck Gulzarilal Nanda and the "Chandigarh kiska" "Chandi-Ghah Commission report, and

It was 11 am when the head aerial view of the campaign. It could have been a hockey car-Where are Punjab's angry nival, for II the din aud dust

One of the ban-



"He's accepted Inlingualism—h sacrates in Hindi but

Corruption and horse sense

"NOW about corruption," is madvisable and unhealthy Spice Forum Prodigious yawns the normal and efficient funcsnormg

a sleepy voice. "Now it is the turn of the public to discuss it and record its considered opi-

"Corruption," began the doctor, nervously fingering his stethoscope and groping for his own pulse whenever he felt at a loss for words-" is no longer considered to be of such fatal significance In the bygone days a corrupt limb was mereilessly cut off to save the body, or to prevent it affecting other healthy limbs. No other remedy was thought possible But expediency and the complexity of in Punjabi "We give you Chan- come diversion when the drone modern body-politics have spurdigarh, you take it, and I go of a low-flying helicopter is red scientific activity to evolve back to my damn village." The heard That is Aswini Kumar, new techniques. Now corruptionlookers laugh heartly as he moves on in a hurry, maybe to security arrangements, having an ponds to transfusion therapy the coffee house for a quick security arrangements, having an ponds to transfusion therapy Infusion of new blood, preferably young blood, dilutes corruption to harmless proportions, and the putrified limb revives and resumes its functions. It is therefore my considered opinion that corruption is best combated by new blood, and expansion, and not axing, is the remedy for the present ills of the Runtanian body-politic

> bulging portfolio full of graphs tops, their complaint is no more and figures now took the floor valid than that of a contractor and the audience greeted him who is outbidden at a public with a second round of univer- auction. And auctions whether sal yawning "Corruption is a public or private are equally inisnomer," he boomed "and legal" there is no problem at all, other than recognising it for what it. The Common Man was the is, and calling it by the correct last to speak. "We are fed up name In the ultimate analysis, with the never-ending talk hue and cry against a natural tricted to the moneyed few." human tendency? There is nothing to prove, and prevention

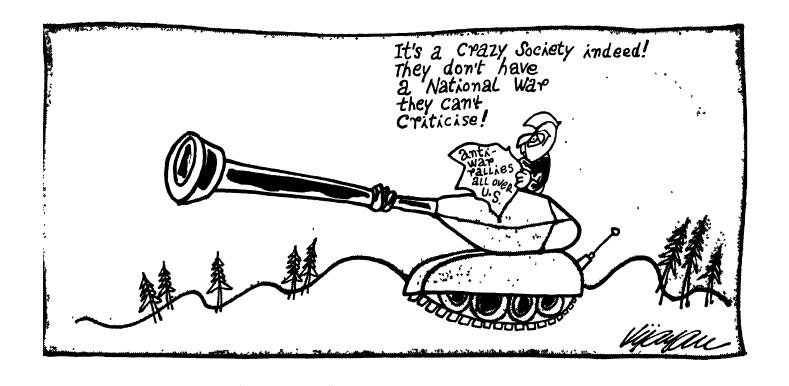
> started the President of the since suppressed cravings affect more bus-routes, more licenses, more jobs to be freely had by Politicians have had their every asker. The suffocating say," continued the President in limitations of salary should be done away with. A Minister should be able to draw as much and as frequently as he wants from public funds-in the end, it will be a profit and not a loss to the country. In the absence of such provisions, the givers of so-called illegal gratification are doing a public service in that they are supplementing the meagre and madequate gifts of the State. Proceedings against the taker will wound the fine susceptibilities of the giver So the wisest action is to ignore it'

The Lawyer, who spoke next, quoted copiouly from High Court judgment and obiter dicta to prove that corruption was not illegal at all "It is a quid pro quo and a purely business arrangement, and governed by the laws of contract. There is no moral aspect about it at all, good or bad If a party pays out something and the taker obliges him with what he wants. the business is over, all the terms of the contract are satisfied, and the procedure does not attract any penal provisions If disgruntled elements grumble, it shows their incompetence-so The economist, flaunting a long as their offer was not the

corruption is just consumer's sur- about corruption. And a bit plus, pure and unadulterated, envious too, if you please, for it and represents what he was willing enough to pay over and winners in the lottery by one above the tagged price to get who has not purchased a ticket. satisfaction. Sc long as commo- I have nothing against corrupdities are in short supply, the tion, which is a normal human consumer's surplus will reign at trait I only want the means of a premium but when supply corrupting to be equitably disposition improves, or satisfaction 'tributed, so that in the ultimate goes up to satiation level, usher- analysis the best will still out-ing in the Law of Marginal Uti- shine others. Let there be ecolity it will cease by itself. What nomic equality, so that opportuis the use of a judicial probe, or nity for corruption is not res-

SIS MANZI

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The follow-up

THE latest convert to Socia- our middle-class shoes in his new clothes, which leather shoes, and wondered at carts' creaked with the starch that the paradox kept them stiff, and began a line Socialist yelled. Capitalist vell-harangue A crowd gathered to be educated in the could see where the rouge stool of the future 'Napurches Local colour no quested, 'Pray Sirs, do not 'The Bank Manager has come' tionalisation of banks will bank which stood stolid gentleman in black cap white tidal heavier began a the Socialist ceyes and there was a socialistic eyes and there was a tall man, clad in spotless white with a halo over his head. The purple around me whispered, 'Pray Sirs, do not 'The Bank Manager has come' What is all this noise? What the bank which stood stolid gentleman in black cap white indistribution has now political affiliations. A col 'You're a blankety blank are you fighting about?' The ly, proud of its new-found res-shut and trousers, deep in his trial liceuses have you mono-his full height and said, 'Ideo-pectability, and glowing in the reverse of the good old days polised?' And the capitalist not logical differences.' The Manasense of belonging that it had when God was in Heaven and to be outdone, screamed back ger laughed 'Don't use naughacquired 'There you will find the Viceros in Delli, woke up 'Blankety blank kisan, how to words without knowing their
refuge, and shelter in the time and queried, 'Pray who may much agricultural credit have meaning Do you know what it
of your need 'And the umpteen you be Sir's The capitalist pullvagrants, who found the steps ed out his bulging wallet and in white pleaded, 'Pray Sir's, the Socialist and the capitalist, leading up to the bank as good extracted an oversized sandal- do preserve the decencies of humbly conscious of their posi-

torian voice And halted in my vived and sure of himself, black cap sudden decision to become a stepped forward. 'And we still walk about in Fountain.' The Capitalist was was an idealist at heart.

You're an

All not impressed Tumbrils! he lism, stood uncomfortably eyes turned to his pointed shiny sneered, nationalised bullock-

The Socialist yelled, 'Capia place as any to have a snooze, wood visiting card on which debate. The mob turned on tion, bowed low till then forenodded assent. They had been was embossed in thick gold him. Who are you? they howheads touched the ground and
the first to reap the benefits. letters his name, address, and cd. They screamed as they said, 'No Sir. We are very
No one dared to throw them out any more.

A voice piped up A stentorrow using And helted in my said and true of howells had used to the decences of humbly conscious of their post
too preserve the decences of humbly conscious of their post
too preserve the decences of humbly conscious of their post
too.
The mob turned on tion, bowed low till then foreheads touched the ground and
to tree him apart. They beat him, sorry. The manager laughed
to the man in white.

The Socialist, kicked him, trampled on him, again, 'Anyway, you better stop
playing and get down to work

small farmer, I turned and saw and gaped Towering six feet above the ground with hair neatly licked back in well-oil-ed furrows, shiny suit which proclaimed its drip and dryness, narrow tie with gold tie-ness, narrow t pin, and square black James ed, You create tension among And I, with my new-found re- I came out, clutching my loan, Bond' brief case, the captain of the people, and one day you solve to take a loan from the I saw some boys playing footindustry stood exuding pres- will be the man to blame bank and start a tertiliser fac- ball with the black cap ence and personality. He said, when tumbuls roll down Flora tory, watched saidly. Maybe I

Suddenly a sepulchial voice could be heard Everybody stood still I looked up with socialistic eyes and there was a All small farmers and dynamic The Socialist and the capitanew entrepreneurs who want

SRINIVASAN KRISHNAN

March



of Time



A pat on the back

public platforms, from their editorial chairs, in ... To take a homely example tellectuals in their papers read. One cocktail set, when served at learned seminars down to the with indigenous drinks, has hanging from a bus-strap are sip, said quite emphatically is that corruption has never little realising how badly such been so rampant, prices as high, a comment breaks the heart of ing igainst visiting cricket doing their best Such nagging teams as poor as it is now

as the East India Company, the ill about their workmanship that the English language, droughts, demoralised Listlessly they put devaluation, the Public Sector, in aluminium instead of chrovegetable ghee, the bureauciacy, inium and do not tighten the over-population, under-invoic- nuts and bolts fully, with the ing, and lack of national charactresult that the things rattle. Any ter in everybody except the per- car will rattle if you go on sayson who is making the state-ing uncomplimentary things to ment of the day

Mark Twain is reported to mic house in order

leisure moments to the nation's ing each other and themselves

I E1 us not waste time dis- problems, in a purely honorary puting the fact that things capacity, this seribe has come to have been going from bad to the conclusion that as with most werse, year after year, and that serious ailments, the simplest it is unimaginable that we can remedy is the best. It is this sink any lower Each wise and Let us start a country-wide well-meaning person, with the campaign of encouraging each good of the country at heart, has other and thereby boosting our criticized everybody elso for morale with pats on each bringing things to such a pass other's back instead of handing Disgruntled politicians from out wet-blankets as we have journalists been doing so far

common man in the queue or till now, on taking the very first all agreed on one thing, and that that it was nowhere near scotch, goods as adulterated and field- our distillers who have been criticism saps their will and mi-Our ills have been diagnosed trative. It is the same with cars and traced to such divers causes. Everybody has talked so much Quetta Earthquake, Pakistan, the manufacturers have been its face

One may not be over-fond of change and against our natural kind of way and for their Cocathinking about how to set about out of our homes but they can you putting our political and econoticach us a thing or two about human psychology



"You one this honour to our crash programme to get rid of gowns and hoods before the next academic year'

whether it is in the matter of who sells most merchandise or few awards, the beneficial rewho has the widest grin. They sults of such as we have are have all kinds of awards, testi-there for all to see The Minismonial lunches and dinners- try of I & B's film awards are and so many societies and firms responsible for the unbelievable that each person can be a vice- rise in the standards of movies president of something or the made outside Bombay and Mad-

there is a class of ten students, awards for the longest kiss, the there will be ten awards at the most Platonic kiss and the most end of the academic year—the best student of the year, the have said that everybody com- the Americans, particularly the best athlete of the year, the planned about the weather but way they go about giving loans best-diessed student, the studnobody did anything about it and wheat to under-developed ent most likely to succeed, the Supposing we do try, for a countries in an overbearing most popular, the tallest, the shortest, the handsomest, the cogram, to do a little positive cola pushing our 'desi sheibet' ed of the year, and what have

The game continues when Their en- these boys and girls go into As one who has devoted some the system is based on boost-business or professions. "The istice moments to the nation's ingeach other and themselves salesman of the year," "The smartest Secretary," "The girl The most likely to be dated," "The brunette of the year" and so on At the national level also, the ego-boosting and mutual back- most wide-awake peon in each slapping goes on all the time, office might literally make them whether it is the Senator of the sit up year, or the Diplomat of the Chairman of Commissions Month, the Father of the year, who take the shortest time over the Mother, the Grandfather of reports, MP's who ask the largthe year-all recognition of the est number of questions in the elementary truth that each per- House, officers who throwing son has or wishes to have some- caution to the wind actually thing special to be vain about, take decisions on the files, Minthe highest the mostest, the isters who hold meetings in biggest, toughest, swankiest, Delhi even during summer, costlest, or the one with the typists who type, and despatwhitest teeth. The man with the chers in government offices who largest cigar, the biggest swim- actually issue letters, and the ming pool, the most frequent leader who actually dies everydivorces, the largest number of time he undertakes a fast unto transplants, the baldest head- death, let us honour them all. qualifies and is honomed for his talents

In our country we have very ras And things will look up It starts at their schools. If further when we have special redundant kiss

> Many ideas spring to the mind for instituting new awards Along with "Politician of the year" we could have "The Defector of the year" in each State, a trade union award for the "Officer we would most like to gherao," the "Promptest taxpayer of the year," the 'DTU conductor of the year" and the 'student most likely to end as a politician'

> One has seen many peons dozing away on benches in office corridors A citation for the



"We know you'd try and skut this issue also"

HARAL

"Goopy Gyne Bagha Byne" (Goopy the singer and Bagha the drummer)



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The disunited fronts

THE death of the United because the Congress, which is for granted. It is the view of knows that New Delhi will be Front in Kerala would seem in an even worse crisis and vertile. Hindusthan Standard that a "silent spectator" of what goes to mark the end of a chapter of tically split, is no longer an al- 'he non-Marxists might rock the on in Kerala There will therenon-Congressism. But the re-ternative to anything Yet ano-boat but not go to the extent fore be no President's Rule, unactions are surprisingly mute ther reason for restraint in the of sinking it "For, plainly, the less the Maisists agree The excitement and enthusiasm Press comments on Kerala seems which characterised the advent to be the unpredictability of vantage from which they may it they think that the outcome of UF governments in Kerala events to follow there Quite a dictate terms. The mini-front of will be wholly favourable to and West Bengal, following the few even cautiously concede the four non-Marxist constitufourth general elections, having that Mi Namboodiripad's Minbeen allowed to dissipate, the istry may not, after all, fall partners to the experiment have apparently no will left to even mourn their loss. Rather, their dard is himly in the latter cateentire strength is taken in fierce gory. It has pointed out that Most of the non-Maixist parties. The Indian Express specificantroversies which have the UF Ministry in the State are reluctant to join hands with early asks for President's Rule tiresome quality of attrition has on several occasions come the Congress to bring about the and mid-term election in Kerala. How does the "bourgeois Press" personally close to the brusk downfall of the Namboodingad The Express has never made view this denoument? There is "but somehow it has managed Ministry lest that would be be secret of its opposition to commodulatedly a ring of satisfactory award a crash. The latest range on them in the next poll munists and to the UF governation in their appraisal of what the satisfactory whenever that may take place ments dominated by them. It, are agreed that the idea of nonone side and four non-Marxist future they would allow the Express to call it a "Farcical Congress united fronts has colparties ranged on the other is on Marxists to run the Ministry Front," but then, even though training their guns on them in it says that the UF has ceased However, even they have no yet the fall of the Ministry in the meanwhile both in the As- to exist in Kerala, it is not sure suggestions for an alternative the near future cannot be taken sembly and outside it "EMS that the Ministry is going Ac-

The Sunday Hindusthan Stanthe Kerala crisis means. Most into two with the Marxists on Rather than risk their political therefore comes naturally to the

Marxists stand at a point of they may agree to such a course ents of the UF is not in a posi-shout themselves hoarse but the tion to form a stable alternative. Marxists, will finally continue to Ministry without active partici- tread the path they have chartpation by the two wings of the ed for themselves Congress now in Opposition

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might happen next" The Indian Express attaches a lot of nnportance to the RSP's stand that the Congress that Mr Nambooit will not participate in any boodurinal used to speak of government without the CP(M), might in fact emerge, provided though the RSP has only a Assembly

The cautious tone is very guch evident in the Statesman editorial also. According to it, "The split in Kerala U.F. is undoubtedly serious, and it may eventually lead to the collapse of the Namboodinpad Government. But it is far from certain. that the fall of the Ministry is imminent. It notes that the four non-Marxist parties are by no means agreed on their future strategy. The RSP is a case m point 'This leaves the situation rather confused and nebulous Nevertheless the Kerala Ministry which has hardly any administrative achievement to its credit has reached the edge of a slippery slope, any further movement can only be downwards" The Statesman analysis of the crisis in the Kerala UF starts with an obiter dictum that the UF partners in the State have come to face 'then moment of truth' As for the blame for the events at thinks that although the conduct of the non-Marxists has not always been exemplay there is substance in their thetoric that they have been driven to 'taking the extreme step of withdrawing support from the U.F. because of the Marxist compaign to slander. subjugate and destroy the sister parties of the U.F. ". The paper comments that the CP (M) and Mi Namboodiipad have been 'strangely selective' in their decision on the corruption charges against Ministers It contrasts the treatments meted out to the "fuckless' Mr PK Kunju and to Mr Wellingdon and also notes that while the Assembly isked for an enquiry against Wellingdon, Mr. Namboodiripad chose to order enquiries against three other non-Marxist Ministers also

The Hindustan Times is categood that the United Front eder is dead after Kerala Whethat the UF government there cellapses or not, "Micre can be little doubt that the notion of

that the 'emerging alternative' to might in fact emerge, provided an agreed minimum programme minimum ground rules of cooperation among parties were respected Experience in Keralaand more recently in West Benis happening at the Ministerial level in Kerala, the Hindustan Times does not consider it anything more than "a cynical disregard of public weal" "What is more shocking is the way in which accepted proprieties and conventions about the conduct of public men have been cymeally treated as expendable. Mr. Namboodiripad apparently does not find anything odd in his refusal to extend the investigation to Ministers belonging to his party against whom there have also been charges of misconduct" According to the Hindustan Times, the Marxists are calculating on continuing in power sidents in the mini-front

In contrast to the emphasis of the Hindustan Times editorial, Patriot insists that the UF idea is not dead. Here again the commitments of the paper are well known and what attracts notice is only the subdued tone of Patriot. The paper starts with a plea to the four non-Maixist parties of the Kerala UF not to play into the hands of the Congress but to allow EMS to run his government with the help of the KTP Patriot says that

cording to the paper, it is diffi- an anti-Congress. United Front there may be some in the CPI cult to say where matters stand as a viable political alternative who think that such an attitude now 'The cynical opportunism to the Congress has been final- will be dangerous, that it will of the parties comprising the ly discredited by the events in cause Mr Namboodnipad to ini-United Front is such that it Kerala" It continues on the trate popular measures to cover would be hazardous to say what theme "It did seem for a while up "the wilful destruction" of after the fouth general election the UF by the CP(M) to establish themselves in public fa-But "such fears do not vour take into account the basic robustness of public opinion in the country On the other hand, strength of six in the Kerala was honestly implemented and Patriot consoles, if these non-Marxist parties support progresives measures, the people will sec in them their genuine representative who can work in their gal-has proved such formula-interest without hankering after tions to be illusory." As for what

> "The Kerala expenence need not and should not be consider ed by any of the parties concerned as a prelude to ultimate disaster. This attitude should be particularly resisted in Bengal.

Patriot sees a sort of distinction in Bengal between "drawing room Maos" of CP(M) and Jyoti Basu "the realist" and other constituents of the UF. particularly the CPI and Bangla Congress, and it thinks that a via media among all these can still be found. If this is achieved and the EMS Ministry allowwith the tacit support of dis- ed to continue in Kerala, yet another opportunity may come for a leftist coalition government in Kerala with a "chastened CPM and a "broad-based democratic front" For a sentimental footnote, Patriot is unexceptionable. It argues that the concept of the United Front "is as necessary today to the people as the anti-imperialist jurge was a in the days of the growth of the Congress and, only people incapable of patriotism will deliberately sabotage it"

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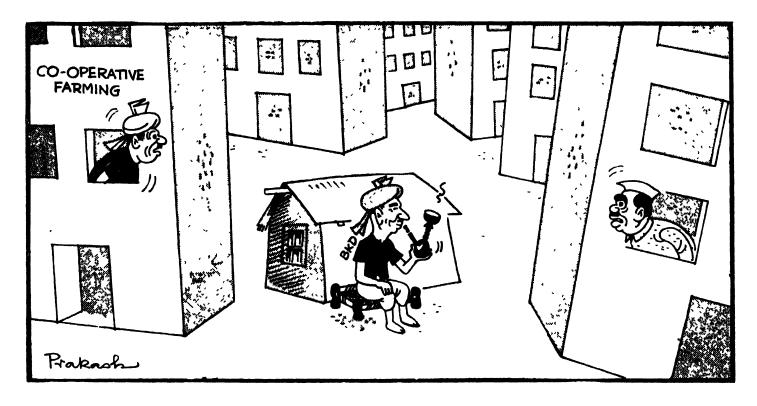
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I shan't be great

WASN'T born great, I haven't on the sands of time after the noving. I have yet to know a celf-sacrifice shan't have greatness thrust upon me I am fully resolved to Consider what you must do to dom in it Nor could Mr Mau- of the body No joy, only self-steer clear of the slightest pos- become great You must be born ghan, convince any poor man immolation, and the preaching sibility of being great. I shudpoor, rat-poor, It has become a that celebrity and extreme of joylessness and self-immolader at greatness, I love being fashion among those who have wealth mean constraint. I find tion
the small man I am, full of follises and foil-large wealth-on the And for whom all that? For the small man I am, full of follies and foibles, weaknesses and vices, sillinesses and shortcomings. Not for me the limelight of greatness, the obscurity of insignificance is all right for me the "lives of great men all the "lives of great men all the "lives of great men all the "lives sublime, and departing leave behind us, footprints on the sands of time." I don't care to make my life sublime, and I positively abhor leaving behind me my footprints on the sands of the small man I am, full of follies in who have been opulent those who have been opulent to sing the sweet in it." That's poverty, and you in it." That's poverty, and you wife, for rascally politicans, must be born in it, and then work your way upward through thick and thin, badger and water. At long last, through thick and thin, badger and battered, you with the work your search that the "lives of great men all that? For the devil it is must be born in it, and then work your way upward through thick and thin, badger and battered, you with the work your search that it is the work your search that it is the work your and water. At long last, through thick and thin, badger and battered, you must zenounce all that? For the devil it is must be born in it, and then wife, for rascally po time I don't think Longfellow looks back to the freedom of his clothing and shelter, you creatise quite right in his notion of struggling youth, with its poversublime life. The great man ty and bitter privation, with a everything. No an-conditioned either does not live a life in the longing which knows it can room, no pleasures of the palate, be perfect, and, at the slightest real sense of the term or lives never be satisfied. To which a dog's life. Now I am in love Chaplin replies: "The attitude of no tea, no tobacco, no graces of will cuttere you and condemn with life, LIFE. What's the wanting to make poverty attactive for the other powers are a life only sack-cloth and ashes you and tear you to shieds good of leaving your footprints tive for the other person is an- A life of self-abnegation and They will prostrate themselves

achieved greatness, and I world has left its bootprints on poor man who has nostalgia senses and soaring of the spirit vour bottom?

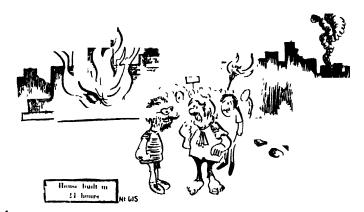
my footprints on the sands of finds only constraint, I think he ones, your wealth, your food, you and worship you, while at

for poverty or who finds free- Eternal denial and living death

Starvation of the

before you, and then persecute you to your doom. Thousands will mishnderstand you and misrepresent you, turn you, and twist you, and distort you They will revel in bloodshed, drive you to a fast offer you mosambi juice at the termination of your self imposed ordeal, print your mosambi-unbibing self in papers, and then revel in more bloodshed They will never do what you want them to do. They will call you great and treat you as a showboy They will exploit you for their own ends. They will fall at your feet, and strew your path with thorns And finally they will knife you or shoot you or cruciby you or throw you into a cauldion of boiling oil to make a Ph D dissertations You will be

preached, and will claim to fol-low you in practising what they and competitive essays and action for several centuries



'It's a challenge! There should be some way of burning them down in 24 seconds

saint of you. And after that they a stone image in a temple, and me I learn from Mr. Longfellow will try to make capital out of this image will be descrated that 'the heights by great men You will be a statue on a pede- reached and kept, were not at-You will be assassmated then stal, and a crow will soil your tained by sudden flight, but canonized Then rival schools of stone pate. You will be an un-they, while their companions thought about you will spring pression on stamps, post-eards slept, were toling upward in up, and then rival movements envelopes, notes, and coms, and the night? Well, I want to have Shibboleths you never dreamt these will be blackmarketed a quiet sleep at night. I have no of will be attributed to you and You will be a text-book pass- desire to attain the heights reapropagated in your name Your age and this passage will be ched and kept by them. Con followers' will forget what you mugged up by harassed children sidering what has happened to for examinations O what a fall! the world's great men, only a To be a receptacle for bird-drop-congenital idiot will toil upward hke They will quartel among pings and a text-book passage! in the night while his companithemselves as to what you I wouldn't be a saint even if one sleep. My plan is to enjoy meant. Heads will be broken you paid me to be so. And I this one life that I have got to You died in the service of the don't like saints. Frankly, I my fill, ignore the world's unpoor and the down-trodden don't One saint leaves behind grateful pests, and when the These same poor and the down- him countless scoundrels. These hour comes, to make my exit trodden will be squeezed to scoundrels do every conceivable without any fuss, happy in the raise monuments to your memo- cvil, every conceivable deed of thought that crows and schoolry You will be made into a 'ta- darkness, in his name. And a boys will have nothing to do masha for them to gape at You single saint serves as a justifica- with me. will be a subject for debates tion for maction or wrong

No, thanks, no sainthood for

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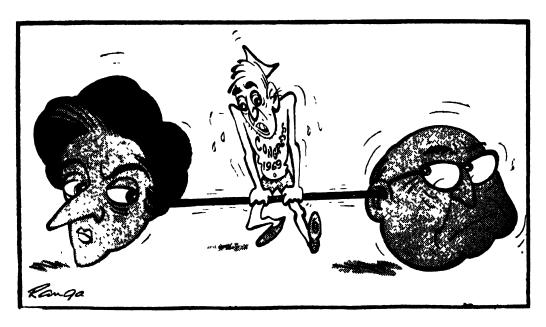
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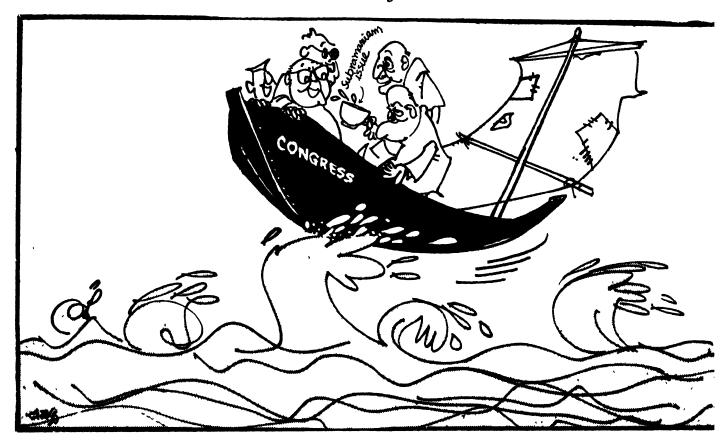
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Mr. S. K. Patil said the row over Mr. Subramamam's place in the Congress Working Committee is a storm in a tea cup -Report

Portrait of an Accountant

'PUNCH' once published the general awareness of the need with horior and fascination accounts officer was gauged by countant

exemptions? he asked

and shook his head blood relations But fleas, on book-keeper" the other hand, are regarded as a luxury and, far from being able '

The following day, miraculously, the dog had no more fleas, or he did not declare thing

cartoon of a dog, whose for action, but between aware delicate sensibilities being caten the number of proposals turned fleas had become unbearable, ness and action there seems to away by the cantankerous down by him. It is safer to seeking the advice of an ac-stand the book-keeper. The ogies of authority and power believe that self-interest is the Can I claim these fleas as President Thomas Marshall's decadent forms of sensate sume their nature is bad and classic remark, ("What this theories exemplified by Freud, not good But, as the poet country needs is a good five-that reduce the human psyche sings, often The accountant smiled sadly cent cigar") has been adapted to the pan-sexual unconscious and shook his head "Under to our Railway's problem by libido or id with epi-phenomecertain conditions," he explain the traffic officer who said, nall ego and superego under and woman, ed, 'ticks can be claimed as "What we need is a friendly the pressure of bureaucracy blood relations. But fleas, on book-keeper." and censorship invested with Who steads

deductible, are actually tax- as a policeman is an old one. Dynasty to his son might well which still seems to have much have been given to accountants of the Railways in its grip Any 'Harden thyself fool can ask any number of give heed to him who terrorizes questions, especially when he them approach them not alone doesn't have to deliver the Fill not the heart with a them, which is much the same goods and is primarily con- brother, know not a friend, nor cerned about only delays in make for thyself intimates

attitude about national affairs and become distorted and de- basis of all human nature and so well described by Vice graded into one of those be suspicious of men and asthem. The instructions of the off the common, The idea of the accountant Pharaoh Amenemhet of the 12th The people

The law locks up both man

Who steals the goose from

But lets the greater fellow

Who steals the common from the goose,

Naturally enough the accountant is not visualised as buxom disposal of files or clearances. And Napolen cchoes the same and bouncing, benevolently of objections and arears. And "If the people say that the beaming upon the world from they can't do what they want to do. There is obviously a indeed, and I have watched was when the efficiency of an accounts officer to watch the

moon made dizzy, by the shakdawn He is invariably supposed to stare in a cymealfashion and grouse in a gutalising and docketed information the job because he gave the as front 2, hand 2- total 4

The portrait of the tradition- out and balance up, unlike life and enquiry bureau, and interpale tear-stained cheeks of the crusted inkpots and dusty manipulate pigeon-holing these men of figures actually He is revel in them. They can handle to ask what the breadwinner said to have been selected for them with astonishing certainty and desterity If only you number of feet of a quadruped took time and trouble enough, the figures would always work

ing of bamboo leaves or the al accountant, the creature of which you could not possibly preter and han-splitter of rules, He takes delight ledgers and journals, spending in juggling with coins and years making neat little columns makes neat, meticulous stacks of figures, entering up account of them and wallows in thick wrong, and usually as a scapetural voice and impose a grey books, and then balancing them wads of currency and dabbles goat for executives for explainand haggard visage on the and transcribing it to ledgers, with daybooks. Normally, cash ing away delays as due to finanworld. He believes with Sher-comparing and feeling happy is one of those forbidden words lock Holmes in compartment-about it, sounds drab. But we don't mention. In decent society you are not supposed cams. Ask your closest friend what he got for his old car and he will shut up like a clam and you will be taken for one who knows not what can be decently discussed and what can't Ask your neighbour how much she paid for her refrigerator and shed say 23, glad that she has avoided uttering the actual obscenity of two thousand and five hundred val even the righteous have rupces

> As an accounts officer, one paid the same. It gives you a thrill to append your signature any musings of munificence over musty cash books and vouchers. The murmur of the clerk rolling out the lakhs even becomes soponfic as you mechanically red-tick entries But accountancy much more than keeping books and balancing and transcribing and reconciling and journalisuig, writing back debit entries and sending up audited statements. It means floundering about in a maze of codicils and provisos and exceptions and notifications and memoranda and endorsements and definitions and correction slips and trying to find out the intentions of the decision-making authority, and references to esteemed communication of the such and such instant and having regard to previous exchange of letters on the subject, being constrained to point out truths which are always unpalatable, acting in general as an information kiosk

and as the spokesman of the administration when things go cial scrutiny or objections

They say,

"The man in righteousness arrayed,

The pure and blameless liver.

Needs not the keen Toledo blade,

Not venom-freighted autver"

But in the struggle for survioften to wield the keen blade and venomous quiver The techsits over the pay bills distii- reques of the trade are vast and buting to the gentry four-figure varied and generally consist in salaries etc. and wonders what splitting hairs and mixing metaone would do if one had been phors, parrying with procedures and provisions in budgets, quotwith a flourish to these bills, as ing confusing professional liteif you had also contributed rature to the minutest detail of something to the disbursement, edition and reprint and calling even though it was made to for information on all conceivsomebody else, out of some-body else's money In course bedrang with conditions to be of time you become immune to hedging with conditions, to be followed up by inspection notes and test audit notes while the dragon head of a draft para looms up menacingly in the background

> Anyway the accountant is not confined to the world of men Chetragupta, who keeps tally ofthe deeds of men as a basis of reward or retribution in the world hereafter has been exercising the accountant's profession for acons. The disembodied soul is said to proceed to the court of Chitragupta to hear the audited balance sheet of vice and virtue in his favour and Hindus observe a picturesque ceremonial in honour of Chitragupta in the month of Chaitra and offer worship as a measure of propitiation. But the Chitraguptas of this world are the most thwarted as every accounts officer who seeks transport or reservation realises soon

> > SUDHA RAMASWAMI

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Worm's-eye View

slides, and dried worms

Worms are I hate worms mends of men but not of women. My cousin handles them der every time I look at vernuzelli pudding, wondering when one coil of it would move to confirm my suspicions

The worm is definitely a lower animal, not just because it are called higher animals. The one crawls and the other flies

There are kinds and kinds of worms, long worms, short often with the huge transport worms, thin worms and thick monsters on the road worms (Their height of course is out of question) Just dig up the garden in the thick of the monsoon and you will see them all The anaemic worms, fully-blooded worms, bold worms shy worms, provocative and precocious worms

thick full-blooded) has strong herd instincts. They are so fond of each other that they pile up m one writhing red mass which school kids call 'double-deckers' The bottom worms don't seem to mind it. Perhaps they all take turns at the bottom as they must breathe some time and at least get a glimpse of the sky

Have you seen that terribly thin worm? It looks as if it is and outgoing feet)

THE rains have gone at last, on a perpetual diet. It melts into leaving behind them a trail the joint between two bathof disappeared villages, land- room tiles and rarely moves It must be weak Another reason could be that he is a secretive fellow, what with all the spy movies around I swear I've seen worms in theatres with glee while fishing I shud- Fleming would turn over in his grave even if thin weak worms unitated James Bond

On rainy days worms appear everywhere On foot-paths people step on them and slide In the process, the worm gets cut has no feet to stand up on but into two three four, all ends for the same reason that birds crawl off in different directions to shift for themselves A worm never dies unless it is effectively squashed whole and flat This, fortunately, does happen very

If you meet a worm somewhere and try to scare what you think is its anterior, it promptly takes a head start from false the proverb "the worm will One variety of worms, (short ing whether the interior rethe middle part, also has anything to do with decision mak ing of direction

> and generally hang around the front door in variously smashed

Pain and Disquiet



'It pains me to find that friends who were most anxious to get me to end my fast are black-marketing in oranges

Worms are also found on the walks is very dangerous first floor I wonder if they take the stairs, or go by lift Some worms even climb drain pipes like cat-burglars The intention of such an aerobatic worm could its posterior. Thereby, proving not be to steal anything. It does not have any hands or legs, beturn" It just does not need to sides, it hasn't anywhere to put turn You are then left wording the stolen articles, however the stolen articles, however small they are

The early bud catches the worm is a very fine proverb, but there's a catch to it That's what plants. So the worm helps us God save people who live on the worm gets for being out so all to eat better food-which is the ground floor, worms glide late the night before. Then a disgusting thought. The m without any qualms. They there was the story of the lazy chinese would not be at all inhabit bathiooms, window sills, little boy who pointed out that and generally hang around the it was only the early worm that work. The Chinese, I believe, got caught by the early bird cat snakes Worms, to me, are conditions (the front door area. This should convince all worms, second consus to snakes being the busiest in incoming to keep normal hours, being out late and going for early morning

Another thing, worms should all go back to wherever they came from when the rainy days end Otherwise they will get dried up like the poor fellow who hung on to the edge of my san the other day

The worm however, is of some use to somebody, i.e., the farmer Because he (the worm not the farmer) chews up the soil and this is beneficial to

NIRMALA RAO



MUMMY TAKES GREAT PAINS TO BUY THE RIGHT BOOKS FOR ME.GOOD WHOLESOME STORIES WHOLESOME 3 BILLUSTRATIONS. WITH GOOD

AND FOLK-LORE. EPICS AND LEGENDS. AND SHE TAKES THE TROUBLE TO READ THESE OUT TO ME -AT BED-TIME, EVERY SINGLE DAY



TALESO FROMO SHE MUST ENVOYTHIS VERY MUCH BECAUSE I SUSPECT SHE CONTINUES TO READ LONG NITER I'VE FALLEN ASLEEP.

To be economic is to be politic

SIDNEY KLEIN Politics versus Economics The Foreign Trade and Aid Policies of Clima International Studies Group, Klem's reading of the Chinese future" (P 211) Hong Kong, 1968 (Pp IV + 228)

mvaluable Being an under-sav? developed country China nor mally would have been a region who never set their feet on the Chinese soill Who can say the the West!

SINOLOGY has two parts. In their unagination! They are in the first place, one has to an impregnable position in that get at facts. We just do not to refute them, one again has know enough about what is to contend with paucity of facts. happening in China, and they One has therefore to examine are no too keen to collect and works such as this on their make available the facts May- ground are they logical, are be they do not record all facts they consistent within them-which outsiders feel would be saves have they something to

Dr. Klem is not quite sure where western experts would what he wants to say or show have flooded to organize collec- His mind is obsessed with the tion of facts-of course, for a Chinese statement that Poliprice! It is likely that the Chin-tics takes command" over all done gratis, be it by experts' He must have toyed with the idea of testing this profession, of Smo-Soviet trade Panerty of facts is just the thing against such practices and service to ideology, such a as this, can wait they look for because this actively ergaging in them at basically pragmatic pattern of affords full scope for flights of one and the same time (P 3), foreign trade and aid seems

profession is that 'Politics takes command over—economics' but that it is not so in trade and aid, and that Di Klein's inference from data is that in fact Politics takes command over economics' in external relation also? This seems a fair statement, actually Klem hunself is quite explicit

But the conclusion emerging in the course of the study is not that 'Politics takes command over conomics" in the external sector which, according to Klein, the Chinese have excluded from the operation of esc are deliberately getting this other issues including economic, the general guideline but that "Any realistic view of the terms making use of available data in rest on the premise that China's Chinese do not receive aid from respect of the trade and aid leaders were rational and propolicies of China But Klein him gressive in their outlook and self is not sure whether Chin-that they took those actions how China is shown to be cre-Di Klein belongs however to ese think that "Politics should which they deemed overall to ditor of USSR by 1963 in terms the second school of experts take command" in so far as trade be in the best interests of the of data (P 73). It may be difwho have a field day because and aid are concerned Peking," nation (P70) and that "Des-ficult to answer this major chough facts are not available, says Klein, "has been preaching pite. Peking's vociferous lip-point In that case a work, such

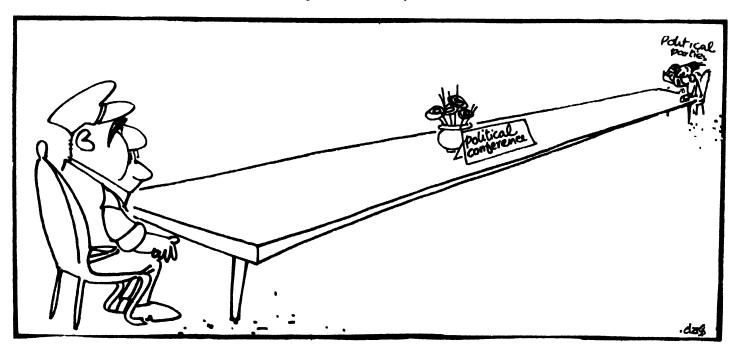
Can we take it that Dr. likely to be maintained in the

One cannot but be sceptical of an exercise which seeks to refute a claim that the Chinese have not made, according to the exercise itself, in so far as external relations are concerned Normally this kind of study could be described harmless but the tone of disapproval on everything the Chinese do makes "untating" a more apt description

The feeling cannot be helped that on balance ascertaming facts, if aidnois, is a better vocation for Sinologists than indulging in uninhibited speculation A writer on the trade of China just cannot throw up his hands and say he is puzzled how China is shown to be cre-

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Beyond the pale



Presulent Jahua Khan is willing to convene a "rectangular table" conference of Pak political parties, instead of a roundtable conference -Report

FILMS—

"The Boston Strangler"

is The inspiration is a best-blick pile of effort. The finale seller by George Frank It is in sight, after which it is a speaks of a murderer responsible psychiatrist's exposure of a cricent women in Boston in the ed mind course of a few weeks. But for The file tern of crime culprit

The strangler is not a motivat- vision verse psychosis-a colloid of a wisely

help even to a clairvoyant claiming to possess extra-sensory CRIME as fact is stranger than perception Odd characters are crime as fiction. 'The Bos- rounded up and questioned The ton Strangler' is a case in point hunt is laborious, continuous This Robert Fry (Twentieth and generally frustrating Sheer Century Fox) production is coincidence brings them face to based on fact, but it is easy to face with Albert Upto this discern how near fact this one point, the film is a brick-byis. The inspiration is a best-brick pile of effort. The finale for the killing of thirteen inno- minal and a peep into his cloud-

The film would not have been the fact they are all strangled, half as good but for its excellent there is no single trend, no pat- photography. The man behind The victims the camera is not just a techniare chosen at random, some are cian, he is an artiste. Every old, some young. The macable frame proclams, an analytical killing would continue if the approach. The technique for strangler squad headed by the the most part is the cut-and-Attorney did not stumble on the thrust multiframe montage. The result is a movel experience in the trappings of Richard Fleischer, the subject ed killer but a victim of per- Director, has used his crew



The Strangler

humlan being reacting on the medicocs he is a sick creature. His deputy George Kennedy prince for the latter is in love needing help. The ends of juscestablishes himself as a ready with Jeetendra's sister. Melitice are met when the Attorney choice for any role with the mood is a CID in real life but The film ends with a note say- padded cell ing that Albert the strangler was not tried but hospitalized.

for effect. That is the keynote police to track down the strang- Hindi version of the original the car driven by the villam ler. Desperately, they turn for Tamil film and as such has all solls down a hill and burns, a

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principle of a split personality the Attorney spearheads the in-The Law wants him raw, for the vestigations and steals the show tice are met when the Attorney choice for any role with the tows the doctors' line and ex-badge on Tony Curtis as Af tracts the truth by leading Al- bert reaches great heights of hisbert to the point of no return trionics when enclosed in the

'Waris"

The facts need no mounting Moghuls of Bombay alone to is herself in search of her manproduce formulae-based fillums the real prince Now you know of the film It is straight and We have producers from the how satisfactorily complicated undiluted. There is no sugges- South too who turn in this stuff and thick the plot is To add to tion or suppression. The major frequently in witness whereof this, there are scuttles and fisportion is devoted, justly though, we have Vasu Menon who gives ticulfs, songs and dances, folto the attempts made by the us 'Waris.' Further, this is the lowed by the finale in which



Hema Malini, Jectendia

The plot revolves round the attempts by a Diwan of a prin- all his enemies eat dut. He is cely state and his colleagues to streets ahead of Shamm Kapoor locate the Raja's son and hen in this business. But his presence who was lost twenty years is of great excitement to the back. The team has only the teenagers. Hema Mahm moves personal traits of the young about with a baby-like face and man to go by And what dispels all claims to being the are they? He is a leftie, dream gil The entire proceed likes yellow for colour, and mgs are routine but for sparkl-when kicked shouts. Pitaji—eximg moments provided by Mehremely useful clues! Three pre-mood. When not clowning he tenders enter the contest for the manages to be serious and even honour All the three answer to claims attention the clues, but none of them is the real Prince and Diwan and like automatic door-closers push Co are in a quandary. They button devices and a gas cham-keep these gentlemen in the ber, the film has been well-am-palace for observation. It turns ed at the box office. And we oet that one of them is the vil- realize it will not fail that way lain (who has a super villain as as long as our producers have boss) who holds the real prince audiences of the type they want in captivity with designs that only villams of our films can Henry Fonda (Bottomley as think of Jeetendra one of the pretenders, is really a do-good ci, trying to find the genuine has turned pretender to the throne for professional reasons of bringing to book the crook who masterninds the activities of the third pretender the villam To add fuel to the fire, the IT is not given to the movie Diwan's daughter Hema Malini

second-hand la ever so many foreign and some desi thuller

Teetendra singlehanded makes

With all sorts of gimmickry



Whatever experience I have, I gained from do-atyourself books

-THEATRE-

OTHELLO (Urdu translation) National School of Drama, New Della

gedy comparable in depth only thought behind the act here The going is good as long. as Othello is the lover and the leader. But when it comes to ing Tago (M. K. Rama) is villestudied reconstruction of an Alkazi should embark on such

On the face of it. Othello amous, His villamy itself is open strikes one as a grim tra- and there is no suggestion of to Hamlet Both depict conflicts tenderness with which he sows and the paradox of man? The the seeds of suspicion in Othel-style is mimitable and the los heart is wrought with effort beauty of the original play is Uttara Baokar (perhaps the itself lost when rendered in an best of the lot) presents a unfeeling way. What then of a Desdemona of poise in the first translation? In Sajjad Zaheer's three Acts In the bedchamber Urdu translation no ring of scene, her pleadings are devoid Shakespeare's verse is heard of spontaneity. What does not The dialogues are 'pross' and it come off is unocence clothed in is difficult to associate them despan, the very essense of the with Shakespearean characters character of Desdemona who In addition to this prime fault gets murdered. The choice of of the script, the actors also do students for the roles of Cassio not give proper account of and Bianca seems wrong They themselves. We have a very do not have either the presence odd Othello (Manohar Singh) or the understanding for the



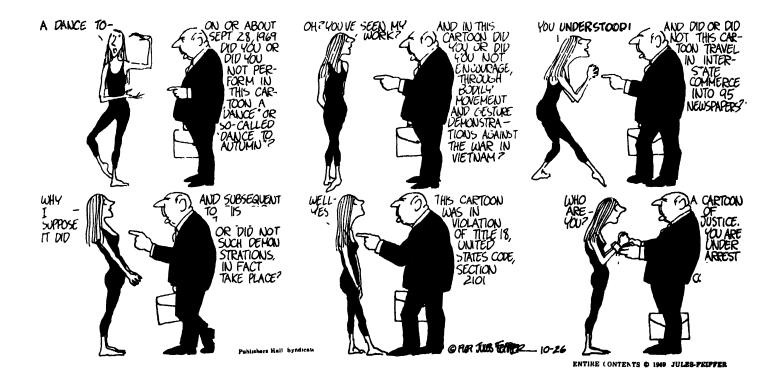
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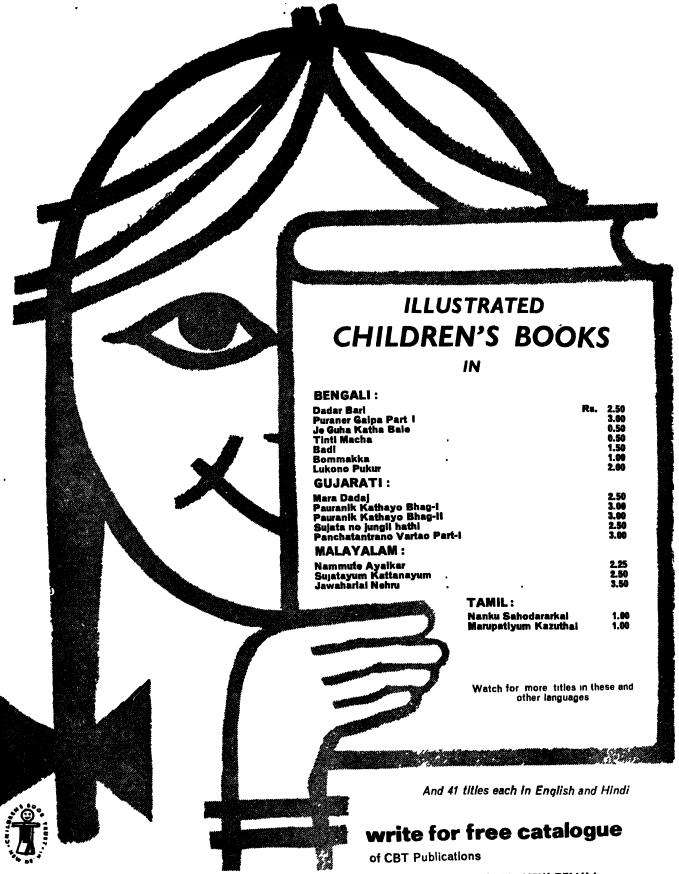
spree by drunken soldiers. There For in the final analysis and in If there is any redeeming fea- is nothing strange in that the spite of his careful craftsmanbeing the husband led astray time in the production, it is National School of Drama with ship his students manage to give by the guiles of a villaur, he is Alkazi's superb technical touch its vast resources has been able a watered-down Othello which listless and unimpressive, the The composition of characters to present authentic costumes with the translation and its ren acting becoming mechanical and on stage in the senate and brawl for the play and work out a nice-dering can at best be a classcontrived. His voice too fails scenes are both adequate. While suggestive set in its open-air room exercise him at many places. An unsmil- the former is visualized as a theatre. What is strange is why

august body the latter is a noisy experiments with. Shakespeare

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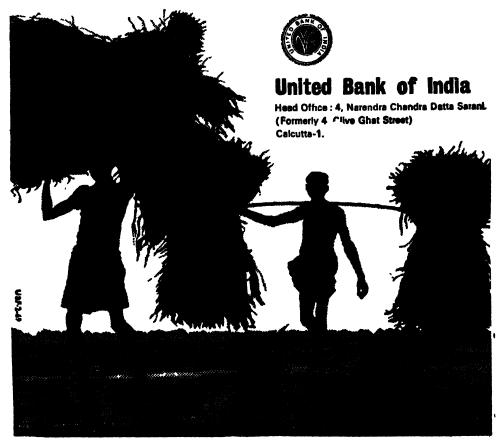
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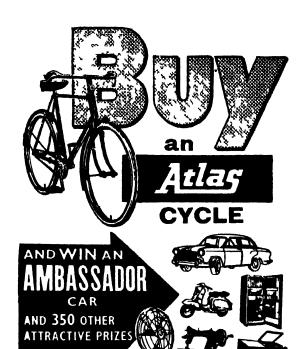
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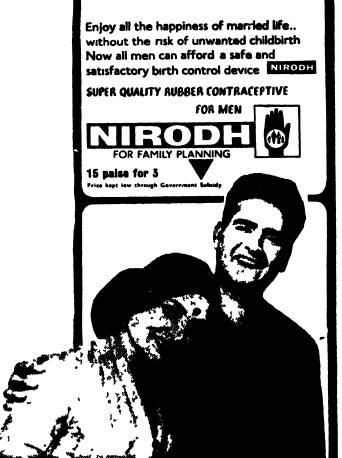


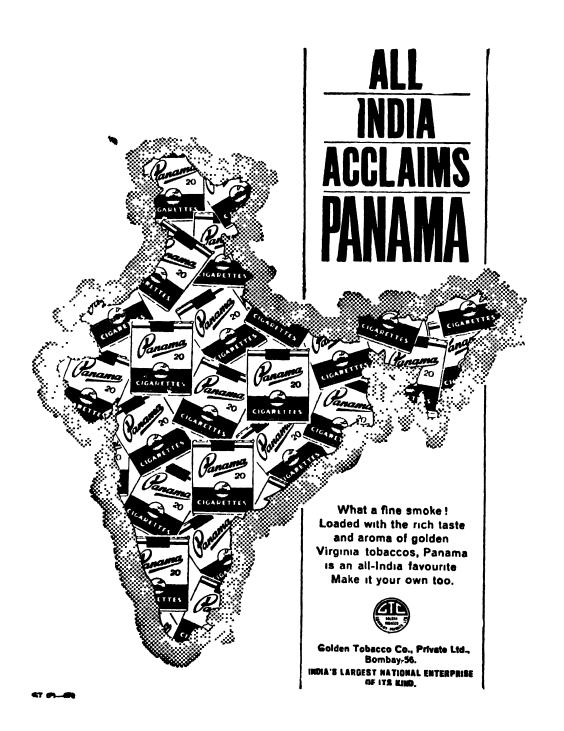




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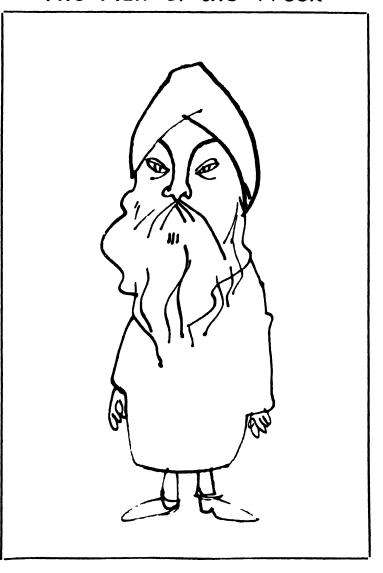
FREE THINKING

YOU Delhi intellectuals are a cynical lot"--thus an earnest young person from the provinces. It is, of course, a naive judgment and one that makes one more cynical about the simple-mindedness that takes seriously the intellectual pretensions of the Delhi chite. But if Delhi intellectuals were more genuinely intellectual and less ostentatiously cynical, they would see the judgment as a slap in the face. For basicality, the intellectual misanthropy that is complained of is a posturing that seeks to hide the intellectual poverty of the poseurs. The earnest young man trying to pick his way through the confusion of our times and in our country and being be-wildered by what he considers to be the infaccionitable apathy of his betters is a more genuine intellectual and human being than those by whose cynicism he is at once awed and revolted

Now it is true enough there is a good deal in what is nappening around us that is siekening in the extreme. The cant that is peddled by the progressives is as nauseating as the inctious hypocrisy of the reactionaries. The disciplinarians discipline and the conscience of the conscientious objectors that are worn on the sleeves are neither very pretty to look at. And the amount of cant about communalism that is passing muster will make a latter day Sociates give up his mission of exposing ciror as hopelssly beyond human capacity.

And yet, is it entirely wrong to expect the intellectuals to stand out and speak the truth? To say clearly and boldly what in their considered judgment ought to be done instead of merely nodding their assent or murmuring their dissent to what the politicians are doing? Has there been one genuing mayerick among them? Why, if not by selfish choice, do they have to play courtiers to the Establishment? Have they articulated effectively a total philosophy of action that has a specific reference to our situation? They are not doing even their duty by their disciplines-let alone by the country and the Community Has there been, for example, any serious fullscale attempt by our economists to evaluate Myrdal's monu-mental Asian Drama? And why is Mrs Gaudhi still fumbling about a total policy that she had an excellent psychological moment to initiate? But while it may be true that Mis Gandhi is busy frying other fish, why have not others got busy and worked out a programme that she may adopt? That would indeed be a fair division of labour, she fighting the political battles of creating a milieu for a forward-looking policy and the clever ones in the backroom working out its blueprint? all events the intellectuals owe a duty to the community the belong to. Elsewhere in the world their confreres are keeping alive a relevant debate on national and international issues to which the political establishment reacts. In Delhi, the intellectuals react to the powers that be tunidly and sycophantically. If this is not the trahison de clercs, what 1s?

The Man of the Week



PLEASE TURN OVER FOR PEN PORTRAIT

The Man of the Week

OLD soldiers never die They just fast away Darshan Singh Pheruman's uas a self-imposed ordeal As: he lingered on in the comatose periphery of stariation, small men made snide com ments on a veteran's powers of surenal Della dithered, this time with good reason. It was the Twilight of a syndicate of gods Gotterdammerung, over there while an old parchment of a man shrank. to nothingness—far away in Amritsar And when the end came like the last trill of a madrigal, the hush was heavy with forced tears

Yet, even in the bathos of Chandigarh, temembrance spans eighty-fice golden summers of Punjah From the 11th Lancers' mercenary uniform to the cloak-and-dagger polities of the Ghadar Party was a switch that many a brave son of the soil had made in those starry-eyed years. For young Pheruman the dalliance with danger also meant plting inhented affluence His rich father in Malaya thought that the flesh-pots of Raffles' empire might tame his wild spirit, but the son arrived there only to resume his blood fend with the Ray In the tast canvas of India's struggle for freedom, Darshan Singh's oun story is but a grey speck in the background But what passion went into the making of that one blin! Morcha after morcha externment arrests over a decade m prison, a mother telling her lad as he sets out on a seditious jatha You shall not shou your back to the bullets

Came Independence and ennu and alienation There is nothing so dismal as a revolution gone to seed For Sardar Pheruman, the antielimax was diawn out longest The comrade in-arms of Singh became a Bhagat tolerated back-bencher bourgeors democracy and the apparatchick of Swatantia, of all parties That Pumpabs Pitamaha had his last fling for the title deeds of the most apolitical town in India is the supreme tragedy Schom has so noble a life been martified for so banal a cause

The momentous meet

preview of the Congress Work- Joan of Arc to the peopleing Committee meeting on 1 November It is being issued on the understanding that the contents are not attributable to any source and are to be used purely on an understood' Special Correspondents to give

Whence all but he had fled

Mrs Gandhi (interrupting) meeting of the Working Committee which, I remember when I was a child this high, was national and international issues

N (not minding the intersuption)

Princess if our aged eyes Weep upon the matchless wrongs

Tis because resentment ties All the terrors of our tongues

Subramamam I have a point of order to raise. He is mixing up Casabianea and Bodecia

Atulya I remember to have read in The Times Laterary Supplement that the two have been ghost-written by the same

Mis G. All this is irrelevant. The basic question is how could the Congress President biança? Does he mean the Congress is a burning ship?

N If the Prime Minister thinks she is Joan of Acc why shouldn't 1 compare myself with Casabianca? Secondly, that was the poem I was fond of reciting when I was at school. In fact, I had even won a prize for it. Is it not better than the hideous Greek my-Mehta was putting in my state-

Morarji Desai But why Joan c⊆Arc≥⊂Did she nationalise banks in France?

emildhood I was longing to do make an authology of it I had tem published.-Ed., S.W.

Kamaraj How many people have heard of Joan of Arc? In Tamil Nadu they admire Sivaji Ganesan more

Mrs G That's exactly my basis It is, however, open to complaint Here I am trying to you should step down lift people's thoughts up, to Njalingappa The boy stood party leaders like Kamarajii' ion the bining deck He binigs in a film actor and says he is better known in Tamil Nadu It may be so but what have we done to popula-Is this a recitation class or a use Joan of Arc and her sacrifice⁵⁵ Has the Congress President ever mentioned her in his many speeches and statements? taking momentous decisions on The other parties on the other hand are cashing in on the inlittled as an item of the Con- waters gress programme. If Lenm had done it would his party have dismissed it as a part of the Communist Manifesto or some talking about very, very important issues which are going to make or mar our history, I hear somebody snoring -

> Ram Subhag Singh Nobody is sleeping or snoring. It is our S K roaring like a hon

S. K. Patil. I have never said. I roar like a hon I said I roared like myself, or Joan of Arc if you like, or even Casabianca

Mis G (anguly) Joan of Arc identify himself with Casa-never roated in fact, no decent person would roar. Why didn't he roar when he was defeated in the election in 1967. He roars only when a forward step to-wards socialism is taken Could you imagine Trotsky or any other colleague of Lenin roarmg while he was laying the foundations of socialism in Rus-

➤ This is the trouble with thological names which Asoka the Prime Minister Like her father she is very international minded Why should you always talk of Lenm, Trotsky and others My socialism is homespun It is purely India-oriented When I was Chief Minister of Mis G. If she did not, her Mysore Lasked a history teacher progeny did But what is wrong to cull out from ancient Kanif I make Joan my model? I nada books on Shaiva philosowas admiring her from my phy references to socialism and

[The following is a verbatim something which would recall to give up as Chief Minister'before it was completed. How 1 wish I had not opted for this Congress Presidentship! I was happy as a Chief Minister

> Kamaraj (interrupting) Don't talk like that Then she will say

Mis G I think we have had, then own angle to the source raise their sights, so to say, to enough for today I have a rally material provided here]

an international figure And to address and other engagewhat is the response I get from ments to attend to I must go

> N. Yes I have also to attend a dimer by Sannva Reddy He is celebrating his acquisition of guava plants from Bangalore He says they are growing fine in Andhra soil, which shows there is really no difference emong the southern States -

Brahmananda Reddy But you 'tinsic popularity of Joan of harp on a different tune when it Air. The same is true of bank comes to allowing Andhra a full nationalisation It is being be-share of the Tungabhadra

> Kamaraj Please, don't bring in bilateral issues

N I agree with the Prime Misuch thing? Now, when I am nister that we have had enough for today

> Sadiq Ali But what shall I tell the Press about today's meeting

> N Say the usual things. They will anyhow come to know what really happened from the different members

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-Odd Signs-

At IIT, Kharagpur Do not use the litt if you can

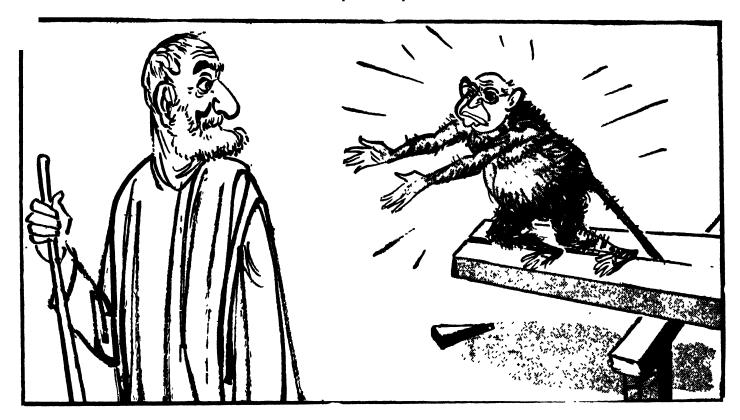
At a shop in Ratlam Cut-peace cloth is sold here ()

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Precautionary engraving on service ware of a cafe in Madras

Stolen from-cafe.

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Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan has declined Mr Nijalingappa's invitation to pronounce judgment on the Congress crisis

The Dialogue

WHEN Comrade Dange, dis- pleted Dange called` Alexei

very and blue pencilling it "I don't care much for this,' said Alexei "And I don't fancy said Alexei "And I don't fancy "Long live the independence not the working class proper sation in all our enterprises you calling communism primitive. And why should it lead

to slavery?"
"I thought I bad stated all that when I wrote you those rade!" he said letters" "Sorry," said Dange "I meant not independence, but limited

stify me"
"Oh, the ones," said Dange, "kept in the archives of the Marx-Engels-Lenin Institute

"I don't understand," did you write them to?"

"You don't even recollect things Those were letters you were supposed to have written "In that case, for a change, I'm

Party of Great Britam

Kosygin, the latter was going said Alexer "After all, each come self began thinking up argugested the introduction of the
through a copy of Indua from minest party has the hight to ments in favour of his contenprofit motive in all mass action, Primitive Communism to Sla- have its own values, its own in- tion. He told himself that those in anti-colonial wars and so terpretation of the universal doctime of Marxism-Lenmism

> workers' parties, and Dange

Alexer swung round

sovereignty.

"Good," said Alexei "But I

"Comrade," pleade pleaded Dange, said "but I'm now anti-Mai rist Alexei again "Nonetheless, who mean, I am not of the CP(M) I'm the undisputed leader of "To the Viceroy of the Piole the Communist Party of India tarian Dictatorship," said Dange, which is auti-Marists-I mean which is auti-Marxists—I mean anti-CP(M)"

"Undisputed?" said Alever to the Viceroy of the Communist going to dispute it'

And as Alexer began disput-

undisputed leader of the work- accounting for the success of "That should be all right," mg people of India, Dange long the revolution. He has also sugwho lowed allegience to the on So we are thinking serious-Marxists-i.e, the CP(M)-were b of bringing about rationalisacried that they did not work while they worked and play while become famous, were written they played, acquired no surplus after this encounter with Alevalue, and so were the counterrevolutionary scum of the earth

earth," said Dange abruptly

I "Who?" asked Alexer
"The splitters," said Dange
e, "There aren't any splitters
I anymore if you don't know it!" said Alexei

"Then what are they?" asked for keeps

Dange, aghast "Just plain dogThe letter to Alexer read, 'As
matists? Left adventurists? Invon know the hercie working fantile disorderists?"

Alexie To Rajani Palme-Dutt," com ing the fact that Dange was the Liberman has suggested cost into conferences, rest cure so

The letters which have since ver 50mc were addressed to Alexer, some to the Kerala Unit "They are the seum of the of the CPI (anti-Muxist), some to Mrs. Gandlu vet others aimlessly shot off, it looks, to President Nixon By force of habit as it were, he passed off a copy of each letter to the Archives of the Marx Engels-Lemm Institute

people of my country, however "Nothing of the kind," said small their number today have They are the other done their bit to build sociali-Communist Party, a brother snom a sixth of the globe, by party" And he added, "Comrade accepting invitations to solida-

journs and so on But it is terribly wrong of the Workers of All Countries if they try to make any country's Revolution insecure There should be no talk of rationalisation, of retrenchments and so on No Revolution can go on that way It will lead to Right wing ascendency. Then there is the vital question of who is the genuine party of the working class, who the apple of the eye and who the splitters Again, as Marx has said, there can be only one union in one industry, one union in one enterpuse. It is thus that our party claims to be the sole representative of those who work for the Workers of All Countries The splitters have violated the codes of service, and hencee are not entitled to any permanancy of

In a letter to the Kerala CPI, Dange wrote 'The toppling of the splitters was a magnificent thing It is a matter of great satisfaction that it was achieved that the Revolution can be what has happened in Kerala 1ity They don't seem to understand



Now there is very little excitement left in this job'

without the support of the reac- achieved through the levelling bothered. It wrote back saying tionary Centre, through the en- of corruption charges as much as that while it was pleased to deavours of the working people. through peaceful economic com- keep the letters in its archives, alone But right now, the Re- petition So should the Work- it no longer recognised the Revolution is having trouble with cis of All Countries turn, the volution It recognised only one too, though it would not mean the Workers of all Countries, sciew on the Revolution you will thing, that time was flying any split in the Congress Party who don't seem to understand have to bear the responsible fast, and that the working peo-litself

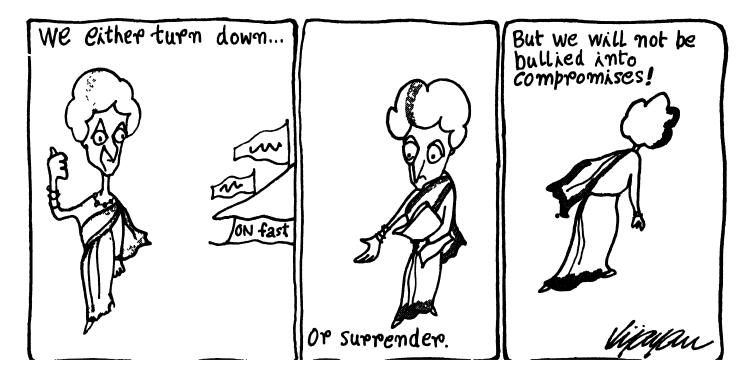
The Kerala Unit could not be ple of Kerala had to make hay while the sun shone Even if it

· meant just a month in office, it was sufficient, as Marx often said

But the CP(M) wrote its own letters to Alexei. The Party reminded him how they were unanimous in their support of intervention in Czechoslovakia even though they had to oppose similar intervention in Kerala. This great sacrifice, coupled with the final renunciation of the Thoughts of Chairman Mao, the acceptance of the profit motive as recommended by Comrade Liberman, the acceptance of cost accounting, forging of a revolutionary alliance with the national bourgeoisie's Accountants General and Election Commissions and so on, ought to qualify it for recognition by the Workers of All Countries

Finally it came to pass that the CP(M) did manage to gain recognition. And soon it was rumoured that Mrs Gandhi would extend the same recognition

ROOP REKUA



Shankar's Weekly



The "Mini Front' is trying to form a government in Kerala

'Covering' the Crisis

"COVERING" the Congress nuts which are already being sant not enjoyable, erisis is unlike any other consumed. They have as much chore of the reporter. It involvinght on the "news" as you the editor accosted ves a lot of what the Americans Strictly speaking, there is no evening call leg work and on top of it need to be eagey about the inwriting in a readable manner trusion because all that the gan like the blurb on the book ed. It is a good public relaall that one gathers or fails to leader or the minister says has which the publisher has taken trons gag that the requisitiongather For instance, you run been already said before, more up with all his fingers crossed 1sts' mix with the People wheremto a minister or a leader in the than once. If he is a 'requisi-"I chanced to meet Mr-today as the others ride only in an-Central Hall

it can niean anything. leader as the case may be, takes discipline you into confidence Leading even the Moroccan Foreign Minister cannot declare anybody when you get down to writing and its author?" the rickshawal-nobody can accuse them of denoted by the report or, as in my case, are lab was understood to have asknowled by the report or, as in my case, are lab was understood to have asknowledged by the chitor what is new asknowledged by the chitor when the chitor when the chitor was not a single word in the chitor by the chitor was not asknowledged by the rickshawal-should be balanced in our respectively. signs on the coffee and cashew in the crisis, it is neither plea-

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the editor accosted me the other writing any such bilge in the

cialism in India. Then followed he at large is exercised on the you into confidence Leading. It is quite pleasant and even an interesting conversation be-subject Above all, so-and-so can you to a vacant bonch in a sec-enjoyable when you are in the tween the two in the course of be helpful to us in so many luded corner he orders coffee august company lapping up the which the nickshawallah regret- ways and there is nothing wrong and cashew nuts. You are the words of wisdom. Like the ted that when such a revolu- in giving a little build-up to cynosure of at least two score price level in these days of train-tionary step as nationalisation of him eyes, green with jealousy that sition to socialism, there is a byou have buttonholed the provider of things (including gospossip). After you have settled to the refreshments some of or the leader as the case may be organise a rally in front of the with you on the last point. In them even gatecrash because (a) on such vital issues as an out- Chief Minister's residence when fact I have a couple of things the Central Hall is no Rabat and of-turn allotment of a quarter he has not said a single word in to be done by him and it is

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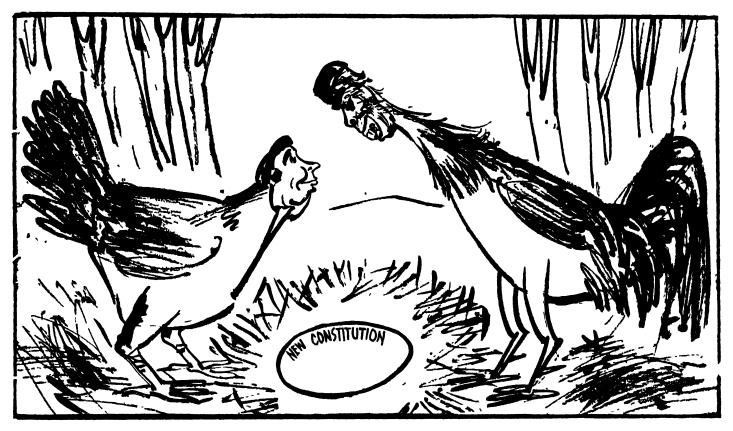
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This Fat Business

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TT is a safe bet that by far the death by tucking in at out-size never had it so had, but there bers devices that promise inthe feeling that he is an ungain- having become too nich now not ware merchant. People who

something about it And true from jogging suits to the most. It is a common sight now to to his male image, he literally expensive motorized fitness find say, an 'Exerciscle' (a stat-

Just as it happens with any other fad, the fabulous growth ligious stint on it every other of the fitness industry contain- minute and proclaiming to all Facts are not to hand as to ed in itself the reason why it that he had never felt more fit

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tionary bicycle contraption) in most executive rooms in America, with the boss doing a reatuffy lung, his tendency to lay USA, the executives having is a direct result of moderate the Company's own lower eche-hanself open to nasty coronary mibbled the bait, the war is living and daily exercise. And lon executives it is sometimes attacks, and his open courting of now on. Large waist lines have yet people buy in great num-even mandatory. The incentive around the neighbourhood

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on Physical Fitness, Dr. K. H. didly

to exercise for the tycoon, if it ling the growing market. They is not the fact, that he spends realise they cater for a body of upto Rs 4500 on an 'Exercycle,' the public largely motivated by is that he can have his own wishful thinking with regard to working schedule. After all, in their figures, and the incentive a busy and urban life he would they provide (which fits in be simply asking for it (laugh-ing neighbours, chasing dogs, part of the mania) is to ad-the weather) if he puts on a vertise the high quality of their sweat suit and starts running products with matching price

All this craze for huffing and blessed by no less an authority puffing has resulted in a wide on fitness than Dr Paul Hun- variety of other fitness machines sicker, of the University of as well-belt massagers for one Michigan The Company manu- The Tone-A-Matic belt (a sort facturing 'Exercycle' has also of weighted belt once used by recently introduced what it athletes to increase the effect calls the Personal Exercise Plan- of a training session) is now ner (PEP) an electronic moni- largely sold among the waist toring device, which tells the timmers Strangely enough, the rider when to exert himself and fastest going size of belt was the when to relax The device "small" (30-35 meh waist) judges his output by measuring proving the point that the best the load he takes off the Ex- customers are the people who ercycle's motor and permits him are already fit and desperately

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"Some students feel strongly that a lecture on bringing husbands to heel should have been included?

I for one strongly suspect

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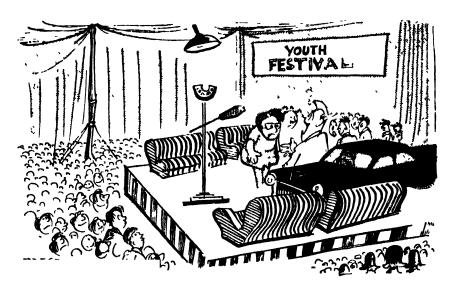
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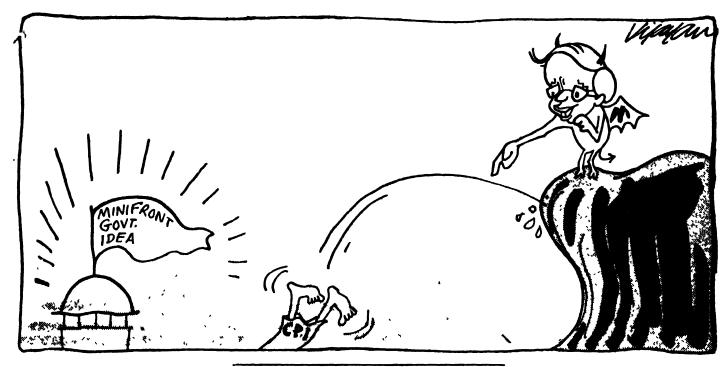
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THE PRESS

Kerala post mortem

political see-saw All this is cd so unlike the reaction in T 1959 when Mr nistry-making diama

FOR all Mr. Namboodiripad's politics, by and large, escape the power. The CPM in particular tion protestations of innocence, national Press but that does not was out to secure political ad- the main blame on the CPM there is little evidence that the prevent its judgement on the vantage for itself with an eye on for its domineering attitude over fall of his Ministry has prodisunited United Front. The the main chance of riding to other partners in the U.F., it duced popular protest on any solutions offered are formulae power on its own. The CPM's notes that the mini-front too scale, even in Kerala. The only like President's rule, or midterm extremism and the CPI's relation to free from inner contrareports from there speak of stray poll, without pondering whether two moderation and constitu-dictions. Here in West Bengal clashes between "Marxists" and a stable government of one tionalism could not long co-exist we are witnessing tussles and "non-Marxists"—a new termi- party of a combination of par- and the political yendetta that clashes even among the nonnology to describe alliances of ties could emerge. The mini- followed with gathering fury sorts, which is another contribu- front's attempts to form a gov- mevitably resulted in the des- United Front, each trying to tion of Kerala to the country's eriment is uniformly discount-truction of the United Front

Namboodin- that the Kerala United Front the National Herald editorial, started off by declaring that pad's first Munstry was over- which had an overwhelming which describes the fall of the Brinkmanship plainty is not to how by central intervention majority in the Assembly should Ministry as something pre-orda- enough to hold together a union in Kerala or when Mr. Ajoy have fallen not because of any nied because of the internal of political parties and groups Mikerjee's government was toppled in West Bengal in 1967
There is, however, little introspection among the parties to
the present crisis in Kerala over

Who is to be blamed more for

With included in the internal decloquent meaning of its own about the League joining hands

Who is to be blamed more for with the CPI and ISP the Herthe cause of this change in the this development is only of limi- ald said. "It seems clear now popular mood Rather, then ted interest to the public at that there was much substance energies seem to be bent to-large. What matters much in the charge that the creation of wards increasingly bitter denun- more is the dismal fact that, like the Melappuram District was in giations and rivalries. Yet another all-inclusive anti-Congress tended as a peace-offering to other aspect of the Kerala deve- coalitions a combination of like- the League in an effort to buy lopment is the absence of a de- minded parties has failed to be its continued support mand for President's rule and an instrument of political stabimid-term elections from any of lity leave alone effective gov- rally the topic uppermost in the the parties in the State, whether emance." The same point is discussion is the likely impact belonging to the now defunct underscored by Hindustan of the Kerala developments on United Front or the mmi-Oppo- Times which notes that bair the W Bengal scene The Amrisition. Even the Congress does ing. the Muslim. League, the ta Bazar Patrika is an example not demand a firsh election in others in the UF had a common. The collapse of the United State but wants to play its leftist outlook and yet it didn't Front experiment in Kerala will back to Presidents rule and part in the next act of the Mi- help them to pull together. It have its inevitable repercussions, mid term elections stry-making diama was manifestly an internecine in West Bengal The parallel is.

The kaleidoscope of Kerala struggle for pelf, position and much too close to need elabora-

The League-Marxist relation-power,' it observed To the Statesman the fact ship is one of the points dealt in

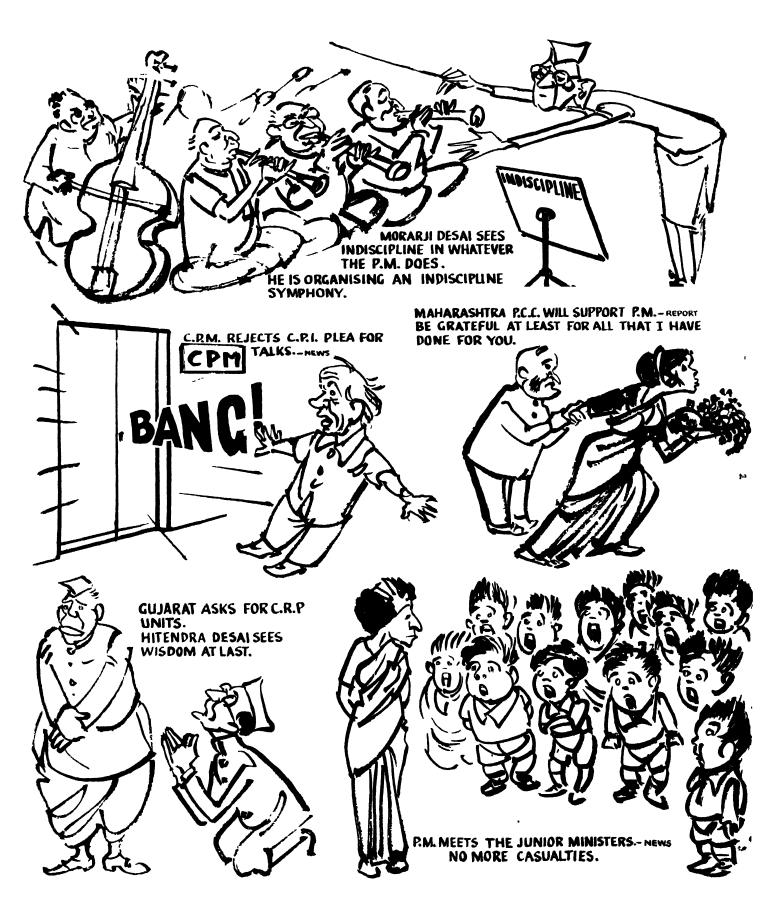
For the Bengal Press natu

- While the Patrika puts Marxist constituents of the extend its area of influence and

The Hindusthan Standard which are not exactly likeminded." The Hindusthan Standard complaint further observes that the voting pattern has shown that while the majority of legislators are against Mr. Namboodiripad 'the majority of supporters' of the United Front are backing him. Hence it will not be casy for the munificult to form a stable Ministry. The two wings of the Congress together now hold the balance of power, but in the current digiment of political forces in the State a rapport between them and the mini-front doesn't seem very likely. And so we again come

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Romance in the Ravines

newspapers about dacoits who looted people just for mo- Raksha Bandhan day, so that Would the raisom money be of Madhya. Pradesh and their ney, or abducted women, or tor- his sister could tie the sacred fixed at twenty thousand or the train journey to Bhopal sonal county According to him dacoits was shot dead while heard that government never many long years ago I was then the dacoit leaders were deeply trying to save a wounded compand ransom for its officials on a very jumor official at Delhi religious people who sought panion and another paid the en-the grounds that such demands for miles and then come close to bin Hoods who robbed only the unce, but within me I was panotings, and I was convinced us, appearing suddenly from besides inch and distributed the proposed meking at the prospect of that that when the sanction was hind some mound of earth or a ceeds among the poor, asking journey and was succlear that when the sanction was clump of trees. I remarked to nothing for themselves except ing to be kidnapped despatched with a special mesthe person on the opposite what it needed to live a simple cd lengthening

or so he told me of the dacoits said mistakes sometimes occur- my over-active brain was devis- tive perhaps a dashing girl like who roamed the land, holding ed but when you are operating ing ways to escape kidnapping the up stray cars and buses looting in a hostile world one is not al- and the torture that would inc- Puth the travellers and even kidnap- ways sure who is friend and who vitably follow I decided that I the travellets and even kidnap- ways sure who is friend and who vitably follow I decided that I. Anyway, I returned safely ping such of them as looked is for such ships could not be would mention my salary as and on the whole I am glad like being worth, something in helped. the way of ransom. I don't know. if dacoits have their Public Re- asked 'that Rupa, who was make them demand a small ran lations men but my train com- wanted for thurs-seven murders pamon would have filled the and had a big price on his head, post very well. He was all praise used to pray before his Goddess for their bravery and chivalry and touch the feet of his moalthough he did admit that the ther every time he went out on

doings, my mind goes back to tured their victims out of per-thread on his wrist. One of the fifty thousand or more? I had going on tour for the first time nothing but modern lifles and fire expenses on the wedding of were irregular and against the to some place near Bhopal. I whose life was dedicated to the daughter of a poor weaver rules But I was not going on a was looking out of the window righting local wrongs and help- in his village picture or a holiday, I would be at the ragged undulating counting the poor and oppressed with As I listened to him my won-kidnapped while on duty "On

Would you believe it, he tupees hoping that this would

an assignment?" cost whose name was a terror

tryside with its numerous dere- money and justice denied to der grew, also my fears. The Government of India Service "
liet forts on hill-tops, forests them by corrupt authorities——next morning I had to go in an I was sure an exception would next morning I had to go in an I was sure an exception would and raymes which we crossed he fire word 'image' was not open jeep to a small town, deep be made in these extenuating every now and again. A very very much in vogue, then, but in the countryside, past treaches circumstances, but then the governous raymes and isolated vil-crimient machinery moves so track most of the way but some the picture of the dacoits and lages I could not unburden my slowly. The file would move up painted them as indigenous Ro-doubts to this casual acquaint- and down, become thick with

borth that there seemed to be Spartan life The ill-used villa- surrounded by desperadoes in spot, it would be too late and very little traffic on that road gers and indebted peasants had masks flourishing their pistols I will have been shot dead He said motorists and truck nothing to fear, but the bama' at me? Would I be able to utter against a tree only the evening drivers preferred, for the sake who charged exorbitant inter- even a few words to make it before of safety, to stay put at the last est on loans and did not contri- clear that I belonger neither to halting place when the evening bute to the dacoits' "welfare the police, nor to the military jured up other romantic possicame on and the shadow start tunds, the renegade who sneak- but was only a poor non-gazet- bilities. I would be channel to ed to the police and the over- ted public servant sent by the my bed and the dacoit's daugh-He seemed to know the area inquisitive officials these were Department of Cooperative ter would bring me tea in the very well and for the next home their real enemies. Of course, he Agriculture? Already a part of mornings. She would be attractive.

Another da- som for my release.

What would I do, or rather always returned to his home what would be done to me, WHENEVER I read in the gangs had undesurable elements from wherever he was, on the while waiting for deliverance? newspapers about decoits who looted people just for mo- Raksha Bandhan day, so that Would the ransom money be What would I do when I was senger to the designated secret

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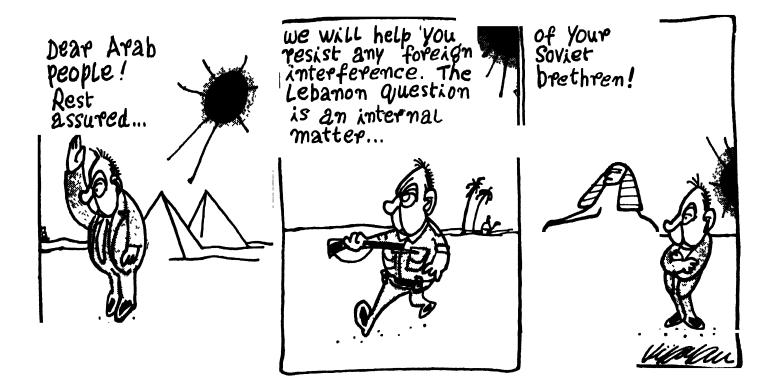
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The Elephant

"WANT elephant nothing else" said two-would do when it came to the loaded with a couple of coco-phant! An elephant is like the year-old Junki. She already house would be to gobble up nuts, half a bunch of plantains people, you know! No knowhad a puppy, two kitten and a his dog. The elephant problem and a fair-sized bag of peanuts ing when they will go on a parrot that screeched about the remained and Junki slowly The elephant was channed to a rampage!" hall from morning till night worked herself into hysteries And a truckful of toys that lay in a straggly procession on the floor stretching from the bathroom to the front verandah Five-year-old Rajan had a big alsatian all to himself, a domesticated mongoose and two rabbits all of whom kept things jumping throughout the house It was difficult for me and my wife to make unimpeded progress through any part of the house and as for rest, there was never a moment or a spot where we could have it

And now little Jumki wanted an elephant and nothing else Rajan vetoed the idea rightaway. An elephant was too big and there was nothing you could do with an clephant If it was a hon or a tiger, man who was a jolly type, a Rajan felt he could do something. Make them beg for biscuits of jump through hoops have mine for keeps! What or stand on two legs You with these crazy politiciars or stand on two legs You with these crazy politicians and tigers do anything, said Rajan out of his vast experience with his alsatian friend I vetoed lions and about a factor of the separation tian friend I vetoed lions and tigers and Rajan accepted it when I pointed out to him that

want the first thing a hon or tiger dock along with us, his hands assets far away from the ele-

Let us visit those Cherians suggested my wife, "They have an elephant

So off we went to the Cherians' estate a dozen miles away. The Cherians ran an ultra-modern fifty-acre faim with time-honoured equipments An elephant was one of the equipments, though strictly speaking, it occupied only sleeping space in the farm and did all its work in the forests nearby Since we picked on a Sunday to visit them, we found the Cherian family and fam enjoying their well cained test after the week's labour

"Ah! The little lady wants an elephant?" boomed Mr Chegenerous one and something of an antipolitician, "You can about a ton a day."

tice by its hind legs. It stood about eleven feet high at the "Papa, papa, look at the chi-shoulders and its tusks were cken! All running, this way, fully five feet long Truly an that way!" shouted little Jumki impressive sight as it swing its dipping her hands into the bag trunk to and fro in deliberate of peanuts and tossing them in leisurely movement. All around handfuls amongst the fowl poit on the paddock gambolled pulation. That brought the half dozen mongrels of forest monkeys down from the trees extraction, about a hundred fowl of all breeds, an army of "Papa, papa, look at the squealing pigs and piglets and monkeys," shouted Junki throwany number of wild birds flitting out another handful of peaing hither and thither in search units and a few plantains of worms To complete the show were a dozen fully crazy monkeys chattering and skipping about on the branches of the tree to which the elephant was tied

We went to within a few feet of the elephant Rajan quietly shpped his fingers out rush Junki had a field day. of my grasp and retreated a score of steps and up the nearby solidly built stone embank-

like our topmost men" laugh- pigs and the dogs created a

Jumki, look at the clephantl The big elephant, I said

"Papa, papa, look at the dogs!" shouted Jumki, "They are driving the monkeys away!"

Then the pigs also came in a She tossed out all the peanuts and plantams to each and every group in strict proportion to the commotion they raised The fowl ran and flew about all round the poor "You boy is very wise, just elephant in dizzy circles The He came down to the pad- ed Mr Cherian, "Transfer your hell of a row and scuttled about between its feet. The monkeys took joy rides on its back, pulled is tail, snatched away in mid-air any stray plantam that looked likely to reach the elephant The elephant remained unmoved through it

'Oh, oh, oh!" shouted Jumki gleefully, 'Fowls, dogs, pigs, monkeys! Look papa, look!"

"The elephant, Jumki, the elephant, you wanted an elephant, remember, I said

For some reason that I do not know, the wretched girl never saw the elephant at all She possibly took it as part of the landscape Mi Cherian took up Jumki in his arms and put one of the coconuts into her hands. He signalled my son also to come nearer, but Rajan had positively decided that elephants with five-foot tusks had no place in his life. Mr Chenan drew nearer the elephant and asked Jumki to give it the coconut. As the elephant. That elephant saw red then! It and we turned back reached out its trinks, Junki let out such a scream of rage hastily dropped the coconut



You had better hurry if you want to get there before the townsts"

istily dropped the coconut that all the pigs, dogs and lowl "She wanted an elephant all shops, broken heads and all scampered away in panic. It the tune," I told Mr Cherra i, other species of devilry in the "Papa, papa, let us go!" she stood on its hind legs, cuiled "and here it stands as big as life country going on unchecked! screached and Mr. Cherian Its trunk on one of the hefty and she does not even see it!' passed her back to me. A mon-lower branches, and gave the key made a heady dive on the tice a vigorous shaking. The annelst the highest branches man gave it the other nut also long suffering elephant

"Just like our government!" coconut that had dropped monkeys jabbicied in terior commented. Mr. Cherian, day Where will your politiciBefore the elephant could The coconut fell down. The "They are eager to concede ans go?"
reach down with its trunk, the elephant cracked the nut everything to anybody who monkey and coconut were out against a stone and calmly kicks up a shindy They never of reach, up the tree and proceeded to cat it Mi Che- even think of the calm and

is, the people who hate derailed trains, burnt buses, looted country going on unchecked! One day the elephant will break loose! Your Jumki rushed into your arms for safety to-

I had no answer

G S RAO



Enrolment of voters has begun in Pakistan.



The moon men



Departure

self mto the half-whole casy- away travelling-kit plays with chair I peered at the clock you Three quarters of an hour to go Then we'd taxi down to the failway-station in good time for the time!" Prema unshipped train for our home town. These last-minute jobs! They failly do you in and make you wish you'd never been born. Why should there be holidays? And if you must have them, why must von try to spend them ing away from where you are Journeys do make of holidays a " hell So many things to be bought – rivor-blades, tooth-paste, han-cream, shaving-cream, combs, tale, socks, kerchiefs, a whole world of necessities, and presents for the crowd in the home town. So many matters to attend to So many loose ends to be wound up I was on my legs the whole of the previous day, buying fruit, seeing people, getting the hold-all and the steel trunks repaired. Your travelling junk is never in order when you need it Here a zip gone, there a strap snapped, here a lock broken, there a

CAME home, a mass of jan- whole bottom olf. There's no gled nerves, and threw my- limit to the devilry your put-

> "Thank God, you're back in heavy sigh, approaching nie

"Take a scat," I said

the bank?" she asked, still stand-

"Yes," I said

"How much"

"Six_hundred. That'll be enough.'

temporary 'Handed the change of address letter to the post-master?"

"Yes"

lord?

"Yes 1

"The electricity-bill?"

"Paid Everything ready" We haven't much time." "Paid

"Everything's ready - I'll just diess myself up in a jiffy

"What about the ration-eard and the $\operatorname{milk-card}^{2n}$ "

"Made the withdrawal from with the right people"

ahead, in my travelling trun, That time when our taxi broke ho hol

"Tymy's father!" Prema suddenly shrilled

"What's it, now", 'I velped

I do hope you've given the correct address to the post-mas-

"I have

"Last time we went out you "Paid the rent to the land-made some silly mistake and our just a little while back post got into an awful mess?

Where's Tinny?"

"Taking his bath"

"Bath? At this time? We haven't got any time woman We must start in half an hour"

"There are still two hours for the train to leave the station You mustn't hustle me so

"I don't want to change Im "Hustle you^{2"} I velled read; in my travelling trun. They you forgotten, woman² down half way to the station and we had a hell of a time catching our trans

> "That sort of thing doesn't happen every time we go out," Prema said placidly

"But that little imp could have washed hunself carlier.

'He got back from the barber

"Hair-cut? Why the devil did "No mistake this time, wife he leave his hair-cut to the ele-



"I'm sure my jumors have robbed me of my genius"

venth hour? I had mine a week the collection on the carpet back Silly young ass

"Now now, Tinny's father Prema This is not the moment to lose vom temper

"All this is enough to make a blob of jelly lose its temper, and I am a man, a husband, and a father '

"Well then behave like one" "Hrramph"

Young Timny whisked in at this moment in his bath-towel, his black hair plastered to his head still wet

"You!" I shouted "Dress up Don't waste your time He looked wide-eyed at me, then at his mother, then smiled, and vanished

I shot out of the chair, this half-whole study-100m easytoom followed by Picina

station?" I asked her indicating locked behind us

Yes, that's our luggage," said

"Seems we re going into a desert for a decade. Such an mimense pile!" I whined I hatc heavy luggage

It's all absolutely essential," rapped out Prema

'Where's the thermos?"

"And he's left the town! What donkey lent my thermos hını,"

"You"

"Gm "

And then there was the last chan and slid into the drawing- frautic freuzied whirl of activities and we were out, luggage "All that to be lugged to the and all the house latched and ment ran

"The tickets! The reserved tickets!" I exclaimed mouinfully.

"You've got them," Prema "In your wallet."

"Good God, I left the wallet on the desk inside! Why the devil do you leave these things to me"

"Don't blame me for your errors You insisted on keeping the tickets with you lest I forgot '

"Hirrmph Open the door? "Give me the keys"

"Oh, God! Here's the key of the lock, but the latch-key has been left in that wallet!

The door won't open now, Pa," croaked young Tinny, visibly thalled

I stired at Piema, Piema stared at me "O mercyl" she eried cestatically Timny, run up and get our duplicate latchkey from Masi upstairs. I remember. I've kept it with her In case, don't you know

Wonderful woman, Prema

And then everything was all "I couldn't find it anywhere, right and the wallet was reand then I remembered Profes- claimed from the desk, and the sor T borrowed at six months house was locked and latched back from us and never returned once more, and the duplicate latch-key was returned to Masi. and the taxi was called, and we were bowling along to the Central Station, the luggage in the boot and on the top

> All through trains to O-have been cancelled till further notice because of a breach in the lıne the railway announce-

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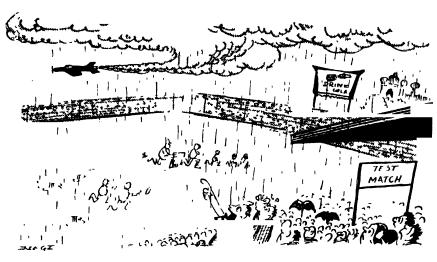
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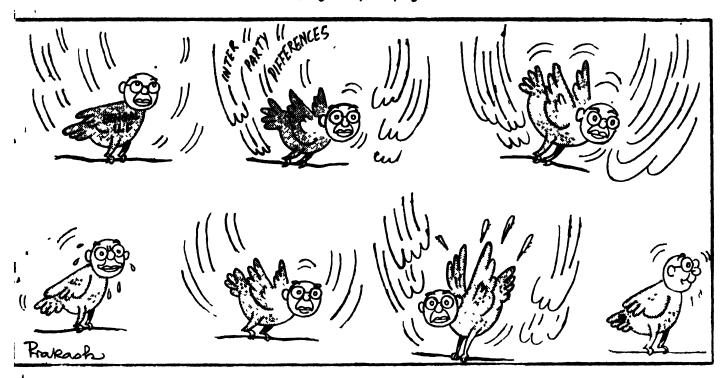
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"As I suspected, they have contrived to make artificial rain to save our team from defeat'



The recent crisis in the W Bengal United Front has blown over -Report

'The Search'

(Nothing to do with Montgomery Clift)

MUMMY," said a tiny gul, ing with her sticky fingers She had been sucking a piece of candy.

I was cursing the Railway authorities for their inability to run the trains on schedule and I was restive since I had been <u>∿waiting for quite a while, when</u> this tiny girl happened to dart out of nowhere, tugging at my best suit with her slimy fingers. I was a confirmed bachelor and I had very little experi-ence in tackling the tiny tots We had a score of children in our barracks who went to the English school meant for the children of the military personnel and they were no problem to us. They were well disciplined and their pattern of beliaviour was above reproach, except of course for an occaword they sional unprintable employed when irascible, picked up and added to their vocabulary from their elders who for her had unwittingly (or otherwise!) uttered the words in (or othertheir presence.

"Mummy," the gul almost tugging at my terene suit- screamed. There were tears in hed vigorously, her eyes and she started knuckling away the tear drops moved a few paces away lest towards the waiting room and she spoil the trousers, but she one of them remarked that the was quick Perhaps she was scared I may shove off. I deeided to get to the bottom of the problem that seemed to be worrying her.

> "Who?" I said, holding her ded her head slamy hands reluctantly.

"Mummy" she said again reverting to her monosyllable

"What about mummy?" said, gripping her hand firmly

"I want my mummy."

I had a great desire to tell bawled out the gul to go right ahead and join her mother It struck me suddenly that the girl had lost said. her mother and was searching

"You lost your mummy?" asked her.

"No" The girl shook

I saw a few women passing poor girl would do well if "that gentleman" gets her a piece of candy

"Are you searching for your mummy?" I resumed She nod- came you lost her?

"So you have lost your mum-

"No," she said again.

I was exasperated I was furious. This kind of approach must be staying in some sort was getting me nowhere

"How do you mean No?" I

"I haven't lost her,"

"You haven't lost her . Look here, kid, if you haven't " I could not go I lost her on I wished to tell her that if grandma's house was located I

her she had not lost her she could do well if she joined her, why bother me?

> "Look here, my dear little gal, did your mother move away from you?

"No," she said again.

"If she did not move, how

"I moved."

"Where do you live?" I said, a little less angrily

"Delhi"

"But where in Dellii" You of a building with your par-

"In my aunty's house"

"But where is it?"

"It is near my grandma's

I did not asl her where her

knew the answer The grand- platform, looking for the woman ma's house was beside her with a flouncy diess with polaround in circles

"Well," I resumed after a without polka dots pause Talking to little children tires me so 'Well, could you describe your mother?"

Let me see," said the little gul pensively, with her finger on her chin, reminding me of "Could you get me a piece the affected manners of the of candy" said the little gul children in our barracks who and my heart melted for her, had once staged a drama

for the first time

were pretty.

mean, don't you? Colour of her eves, shape of her nose and all that"

"Have you seen my aunty?" I shock my head

"She looks exactly aunty'

I approached the problem from a different angle

"She has a flouncy diess with polka dots all over."

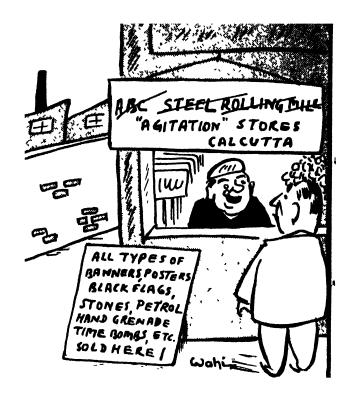
aunty's house! We were going ka dots all over There were a few women near the bookstall who had a flouncy dress but

> And of course a few yards ahead we met quite a few with poll a dots, but their dresses were not flouncy

for the first time

'Oh she is a very pretty. I let go of my hold and got woman' said the gul, smilting her a piece of candy and soon the search was resumed stared at a few more women Many of the women who who had flouncy dresses and sauntered along the platform suddenly my eyes popped out as I saw a pretty woman emerge from the waiting room 'This wouldn't help me," I who seemed to fit into the said "Can you give me her specifications. She seemed to description? You know what I be quite agitated and her eyes were roving all over the platform As she approached me I cleared my throat and decided to fling my question that would baffle her

Boy! Wouldn't she be pleaslike my el to see her lost childl. I thanked the Lord for letting me be the man who had endeavoured to bring those two that the mother would have shed a benevolent smile at the souls together. The little gul had to endure had chosen me to be her guide A warm sensation of happiness Boy, I thought again, have felt more cheerfull My passed through my whole being wouldn't she be happy! Men heart was leaping with joy for having rendered an assist-lost at sea wouldn't have felt. The woman quickered her "Could you please tell me A warm sensation of happiness the colour of her dress?" passed through my whole being ance to a little girl. How can happier when approching the any mortal understand the mysterious and inscrutable ways of I clasped her hand in a firm the Lord! I shuddered when I



"I dul well to close the factory, the new business is flourishing

land than 1

grip and led her through the thought of the mental agomes and the polka dots and I fla-

approaching figure Columbus, on sighting land, wouldn't pace I advanced a few steps towards her in an attempt to make the reumon more joyful. I looked at the flouncy dress I smiled again. She saw me and hesitated for a while, wardy darting glances all around me

> 'Isn't it a pleasant surprise, madam?" I began inv preamble, hoping to put cheer into her tormented soul,

Tears brimined in her eyelashes

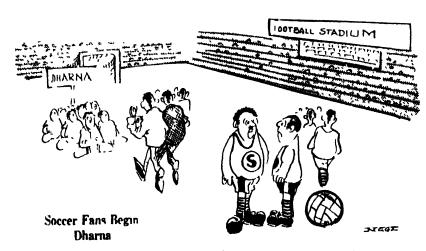
"Well," I said dramatically. glad that the denouement was about to come. "Here's your little gul, madam"

My fingers groped the void.

The little girl had gone!

For the next half hour we scarched for the little girl wha had lost her mother

K. N SUBRAMANI



They are agitating for more goals and hand-to-hand fights between the teams."

The Jackal Club of Tollywood

LADY Jackals, and members of the club, I Balgopal Almal, the Jackal-Ear-Catcher of your illustrious club sand club meetings, now comes

that the pandemonium would Remover'

"A word about the Jackal members of the Executive on the organisation, its purpose and the occasion of the next Durga listory may not be out of Puja

"The largest number of our present before you the District to the rescue) Governor Mi Sher Smgh! It is our great good fortune that and the enthusiasm of the a tiger does not kill He avoids such class. The organisation of a person of his stature in our members abates. "But the both the inflicting of pain and classes in spoken English and organisation has graced the oc- President of the Jackal Inter- the risks of a hunt He profits culture by your club is there-

drowned in vociferous clap-though for good reasons"

He starts speaking)

; bilee celebrations of your club of all the clubs the world over nism and started this organisawas born when the first club now sixty years old is a sacred Jackal clubs the world over was founded at Hollywood in document. The alterations in the USA and the second at the names of Indian clubs promote universal brotherhood. alone

this club first submitted to me wisdom finds a way out the proposal to rename all the dar Sammelans

undisturbed)

to the International Jackal work President

so deafening that all attempts. To keep the club free from . Charity they say begins at bers and the dignitaries file out club's call of triumph

"Friends, I am glad to be gister of our clubs is maintain, who subscribed to the ideolo with you on the Diamond Ju- ed at Hollywood. The names gy of 'Ahunsa' and opportu-Exactly sixty years ago the in- are written there in letters of tion. Even today these remain or the shake and the proper ternational Jackal organisation gold. This register which is the directive principles of the Tollywood in Calcutta. That is mean that cuttings and crasu- You see in nature a black or a why this club is numbered as ies will have to be made in white jackal, a foreign or 002 Today there are forty this register, something which a dyed jackal are all equal other clubs all over India is totally ruled out. So breth. There is no distinction of coren, we must remain Jackals for lour or caste amongst them 'My heart leapt with pride the time being at least, till We humans have a lot to learn discinents would be spent on when I noted that a member of our President in his supreme from this noble animal the the parties and dinners of the

Now we come to the ques-

(Cries of Remove it'l Ap-(The applause this time is point somebody! fill the hall) authence)

place You know that m na-"But" shouts the Governor ture a jackal unlike a lion or members are from the neweasion with his presence national has with great regrets by enjoying the fruits of others' (The rest of his speech is turned down the suggestion all labour, not by decempt, mind national has with great regrets by enjoying the fruits of others' fore commendable. I underdrowned in vociferous clap-though for good reasons" you, but by seizing the right fine arts confine themselves to ping Sher Singh stands up and (There is pin-drop silence opportunity Catch time by the the practical side of art only advances towards—the micro-now—The—Governor—looks forclock so goes—the old say- they give instructions—on buy-

You know that a global re- lected a handful of persons

jackal

Indian Jackal clubs as 'Gee- tion of reforms I have receiv pect of our organisation. J ed numerous complaints re-hear that a sum of twenty five (Some members who try to garding malpractices in clec-thousand impees has been colstart clapping are silenced by tions and other forms of cor-lected by the club out of adthe Jackal-Ear-Catcher The inption The time has come for vertisements in our souvening Governor continues his speech the removal of this evil or at Your secretary informs me that least for the appointment of an out of this a sum of twenty five "I accordingly sent a cable official entrusted with this rupees has been reserved for chanty

(Cries of Brayo! from the

to enforce discipline fail. The harmful vermin the post of an home. This generous amount of the meeting hall i club's call of triumph 'Ya- officer is sanctioned His desig- of money would be spent in Hool' fills the hall. It seems nation would be 'Jackal-lice providing ganjis' (under vests)

The largest number of our stand that the classes on the advances towards the micro- now the specifical management of the participant of the parti

Members can learn for a small fee the names of the best wines of dances like the Fox trot occasion for clapping in a 'kavi sammelan or a musharia

The list of the dos' and 'donts of social behaviour published in your magazine would be of immense value to the members

I am told that most of the funds collected from adverclub. This is quite in confor-"Charity is an important as- mity with the Jackal principles Fools make feast wise men cat it

Jackal ladies and gentle men, I would not stand be tween you and the excellent dinner that awaits us, any longer. However before we disperse let us give the Jacall call with all our might

(The hall resounds with shouts of Ya-Hoo' as the mem-

R N Mainur





MY MOTHER GOES INTO A LONG, RAMBLING EXPLANATION OF HOW THE MEDICINES WON'T TASTE BITTER AND HOW THE INJECTION WON'T EVEN HURT A LITTLE BIT.

I WISH GROWN-UPS WOULDN'T ALWAYS LOOK FOR AN ESCAPE FROM SOME OF THE REALITIES OF LIFE.

Touch Wood

rating it from its indicu I found from of forms the recent exhibition of furuiture and accessories by Alan-

is a happy blend of modern actly functional But then Mis-streamlified designing and tra. Talwar breaks functionality now wars experiments with gracious in the deliberate installation of fromture started off in a small an incomfortable but visually tion than designing. Because, the corner of a room which was Mrs. Filwar herself is not an otherwise functionally organisartist or a craftswoman. But ed. The problem of filling the she has apart from her admi odd comer in the room as Mis rable entrepreneural abilities, Talwar said is acute and is which might have passed for a patience starting off on a style of visualisation. What needs a solution outside pure piece of nondescript modern actual production only after the tional scheme of furniture mak- was just as well

but it becomes a bearable man symmetric repetition of naive delt justaposition neusin when we save it for ex-details as is evidenced by the port to a backward society like wooden fiet work screens 'Lach' the United States. Here we individual passage is an ex- are both Hindu and Muslim in attractive. Wood work is free shall be merciful to ourselves tremely simple formulation and origin. The arching shapes from from this disadvantage. Howand keep away from a discus- perhaps does not need even a the fretted blinds of Moghul ever, there are other hazards in sion of the relevance of the skilled craftsman. It is a thing harems and the florrid talis- wood, namely the behaviour of styles of living and attempt to perfected within its own obvi- man of Hindu folk art are actropical wood under non-tropical with just their impersonal our limitations, and repeated commodated within modern cal elimatic conditions. Alankrit aesthetics. Thus clinically sepa until you have a rich corrusca- streamlining. I remember a has gone about it secentifically,

Pic exhibition was organisknt of New Della extremely re-ed in the Defence Colony home of the Lalwars. And as one walked from room to room one The art furniture maker often passed through surprises A suffers from overdoing the articultum of large wooden beads ness Fortimately Alankiit like hanging iosaries was hung knows just where to stop. It across a door This was not exditional imagery. This organiza, and again with a delicate intion has grown out of a house tercession of pure decorativewife's hobby. Mrs. Pushpa Tal-ness. This was to be seen even way and was more organiza- appealing still backed chair in

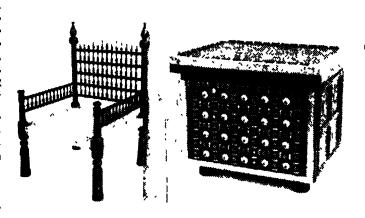
carving. As in most traditional prejudice against matching lace quite comfortable to sit in

Wanted 4

CRACIOUS living in India is schemes, the aesthetic consum-quer with plan venecis. I found artware consisted of copper and i cynical and funny thing mation comes from a certain a number of instances of such biass. We are ourselves im-

large sola among the exhibits seasoned its wood with great

porters of copper as metal and hence the economics of re-ex-The designs mobilised here porting often becomes un-



Art furniture

she seems to have done is to functionality. In other words, furniture. But then along its stability of the wood was organise traditional craftsmen, the lacquered and highly ornal top was a frieze which achieved guaranteed pick and choose their idioms mented chair in the corner was a near mnacle. And in itself and integrate them in a func- there for ritual purposes which this was nothing extraordinary ed repetition of one simple tra-Incidentally Mrs Talwar has ditional motif. But the total Alankrit as a success story. We are shown fret work quished one of the pet fallas effect was startling, here was a from Saharanpur lacquering cies of wood craftsmen and sofa which looked very native, from Viatoba and Mora labadi furnishers. She sets aside their very different, and was also fast expanding into an industry,

> If Mrs Talwar is not a desswitch board. The switch board often is an ugly interruption of but an art-conscious organiser any expanse of wall space. It interrupts either the planness of the wall or makes its meonvenient presence somewhere at a point where it contradicts painting of some other serious wall decoration Mrs Talwar has invented this delicious fret work camouflage for the switch board, as also for the light

Mrs Talwar has managed to shift the focus back on wood Till now, much of our exported

Indian wooderaft is catching It was made up of a determin- on abroad. A recent report of the Handicrafts Board describes Which is good news, and good foreign exchange. Alankrit is a smallscale industry threatenang to be a much larger enterprise Sometimes Mrs Talwar is igner herself she certainly is scared by the prospect of such an improvisator. One of her in- a large outfit losing its personal ventions was a rectangular box touch. But this would be a piece meant to conceal the ugly serious problem, because Mis Talwai is not an artist herself

> Gracious living, to stay gracious, has to be restricted for export But those of us who are marginally involved in the cynical graces of comfortable living can with profit take to art furmshing It brings some relief to our slop, it also provides an occupational therapy for the affluent

'Thanks to your silly spelling mistake, Fee four impossible nomen on my hands'

CHITRANGADA

-FILMS-

"Aradhana"

the steep climb from down-to-

This is the foundation of the plot and is stretched upto the stand the raison d'etre of out in the open with a pledge this picture. Not that there is to fulfil and a child to rear Director Shakthi Samant does So the child commits murden not succeed. The story is quite with a pair of seissors (Dial M. long and Sharmila clings along for murder and inspiration) and the mother is put behind the earth situations to flights of bars for fourteen long years In emotion The locale is some- the meanwhile the son becomes

of all this plotting. The sequences are the result of sudden but not well-consider ed thoughts Sharmila Tagore attempts to crase the sex-sym-WE are still at a loss to under-interval. Then Sharmila comes bol image but her role as mother is not very convincing. Rajesh Khama jumor is more toleramy in most of our fillums. Yet, Chance, as ordained by the ble than Rajesh Khanna semor if it is to project the double-standards of Sharmala Tagore-a standard for Bombay fillum affluent surround-ded the take-off stage. Photoand another for Satyajit Ray-if mgs. The producers are not graphy, editing, sound-recording is the idea, then Producer happy with these complications mg are below the present sophisticated level found in our "To Sir, with Love"

Student indiscipline in schools is the theme of Colum-George Peppard in a prize where in our hills where there a pilot in the IAF Now how to bia's "To Sir, with Love". It weight with another toughte is a landing strip. An IAF bring the mother and son toge-had to come for we have had He gets socked and survives officer (Rajesh Khanna), wearing their is the problem So they re-enough of this trouble with the the count. We expect him to his ribnons properly, meets Van- / re the jailor who takes Van- seniors in colleges. The pro- sock back and emerge the victor data. (Sharmila), falls in love, data home. The jailor has a blem here is not one of student. No, he literally throws in the has a Gandharva marriage, daughter who takes. Van- vis-a-vis the management. It is towel. That is about the only gives her shelter (and of course data for an affectionate auntie a personal stringgle of a teathe child) on a stormy night, And who should the girl's boy- cher-how to win students and. Out of the ring, he comes in leaves her and goes home to friend be but. Vandana's own influence them. And that with contact with the queer aristoerrange for marriage by consent pilot son After a lot of hocus- in the confines of the class- cracy in Paris He gets curious-He chooses to test-fly the new pocus with sentiments, the room of a London dockyard or and curiouser about the lady aircraft, crashes and dies, not mother and son are reunited school. The pupils are 'rejects' in the chateau Looking after before he is met by his to everybody's happiness and from other schools. The par- her boy, he realizes he is in wie' who promises she would to our relief. Apparently a big ents would not brook any pie- the midst of an organized gang make their son, take to flying syndicate has been at the back ssure on their wards and so the of blue-blooders who were pupils behave as they please bigwigs in Algeria but now Into this house of devil mear- are commoners. The group is nates walks an engineer-teacher, fanatical about return to power Mark Thackeray, a colour-ed man from British Gui services of Davies and trained in California. As As in all political gangsterithe semon colleague puts it sus, there are members in the wryls, he is the new lamb gang who are in but work for the slaughter—may be a those 'out' George finds the black sheep' Mark's charge boy taken away from his cus-consists of a motley crowd tody and himself framed for the ghee-whiz kids, mods and murder of his best friend. The the gnee-will kids, mods and insured of his lost friend. The tockers, sullen ones the withit clines and mother-guls. He tunder house arrest and needs
fails to touch the responsive and True to American weakchord until he realizes they are not merely kids but adults
are not merely kids but adults. about to face life. He changes desperate bid to save her from his approach, calls a holiday to the clutches of the gang and textbooks and organizes the restore the boy to her, moves class on the seminar-pattern from one dangerous situation. They discuss a wide range of topics—life, love, marriage, discuss travel in the train, vorce, death. This pays divid-picking out thirty come and ends and at the end of the more from the fountain and term, the kids bid goodbye to an unequal fight in the coli-Sir with love Having faced seum In the end the villages the challenge and won, Mark are done to death and it is opespuins the offer for a profes- lation success. The lady is the sional opening and sticks to tea-fringe benefit. George Peppard clung Producer Director James is daring, ruthless and always Clavell brings to the film a de-winning. As Davies he fills the

"House of Cards"

sequence



Sidney Poitur

finite clarity devoid of cliche-indden and sentimental non-puts in a birel appearance as the chief bad man. The film moves it a leisurely pace. The sequences are rather disjoint-After imaginative titles the ed and there is an abruptness shows of events bordering on manity



Rajesh Khanna, Sharmila Tagore.

SOMEONE asked me the other trip to the moon, although once succession of paragraphs that I have written about the write about?

ing away to myself, for always smile as long as a mile I am the herome of the piece

about my friend Armstrong's and united effectively in a long ocean roll

day 'When and what do you I thought a moon-trip was only spelt out that I was a gifted eart rides down the ghats (the ghout'" for powhers and lovers, but it writer (I hope I am) And the was a time when buses were "When a subject crops up," I will be a bit difficult to place 'voice' bellowed "not more than rare) when we went into the said, "I do not hesitate a mo- me noticeably among the galaxy two pages! You have written a depths of the jungle where ment" It may be at the crack of stars in the heavens, for my whole book." (And I snapped sometimes we had to foot it of dawn, it may be while I'm special bent is for the good old back "What do you want me when bulls refused to cross a sipping up the last spoonful of earth. Yes, Dear Reader, I am to do Sir² Strike out all the stream It was then quite an adsoup and my happy retriever- tarth bound. It all began in edjectives and adverbe." pup is smacking his lips and school where we were given "Haven't you heard the extra wagging his tai for he knows free play at essay-writing—on pression Brevity is the soul of on that the rest of my good dinner historical topics, English, or the will? is his It may be when I am in verdant vernacular of my 'Praso his it may be when I am in verdant verhacular of my Piachurch or just having a bath desh "Write an essay on A Sir" I roared back try far from the madding
Subjects crop up in all many holiday in the country, Surajaner of places, when you are doullah, or Rama's trip to
among all sorts of people, and Lanka in not more than two
so far as material is concerned, pages". I would dash off on hate, it is repetition. I have the rain that made a happy day it matters not whether I am fareams and reams of paper (I still written about the monsoons—so wet I have gone farther annihar with the place and peo-like the scent of a clean sheet how we walked in procession field with the teenagers using ple-I have a happy knack of ot paper), dip a relief nib into as children, drenched and gleam-code words and code phrases at collecting old memories wistful- pots and pots of ink, and then inging with raindrops About the every point-getting vast exciting, humorously, merrily chickle read it out to the class with a beaches of my 'Pradesh' for I ment out of everything as

History was my forte Clive's the crowded beach, for sea fish- retrospect "But you write such short march into Arcot, the battle of ing, bathers, sand games, sail. And while I write on picking little skits, Mrs. Ell. I'm rather. Pampat, Seringapatam, Tippu ing boats—and I do not want to up material everywhere, I keep in the short side not tall at all, Sultan, Hyder Ali. Baji Rao, Ba- lose my sense of humour while a firm hold on myself because I but that is not the reason why lap Rio, Balaji Baji Rao—all. I step ashore only to quote roll tend to ramble on a bit. Those my skits are short. I could write seemed anxious to get alive on thou deep and dark blue 100 lines. I must keep it short.

"Haven't you heard the ex- travelled so long as we moved

I have described the humours "I was not trying to be witty, of a one-day outing in the counhave a particular fondness for though I was amusing myself in

MAUDE LAZARO

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KING, WHAT IS IT? YOUNG LADY. TALKING SURPRISE SOME SURPRISE.

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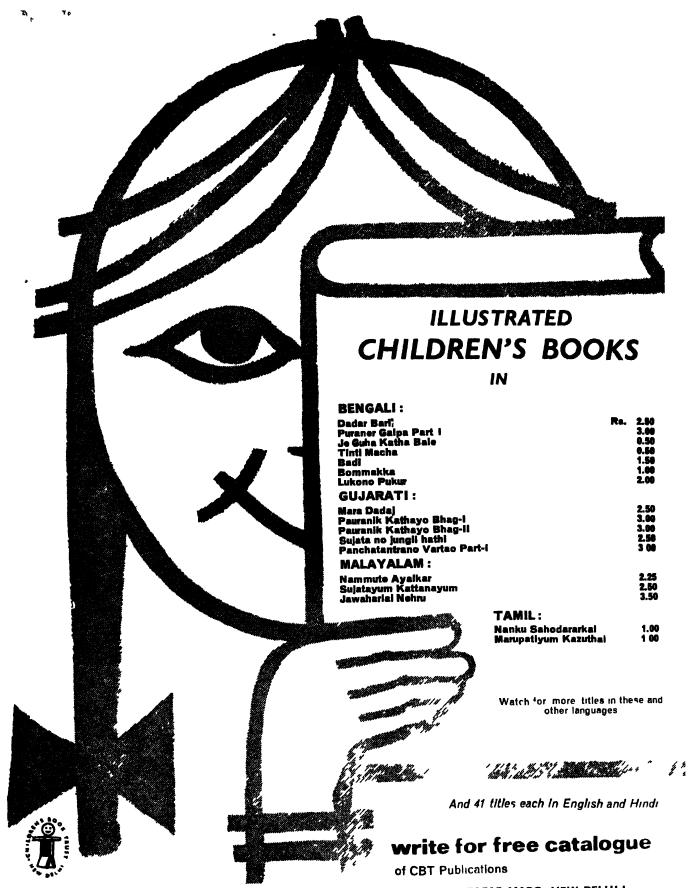
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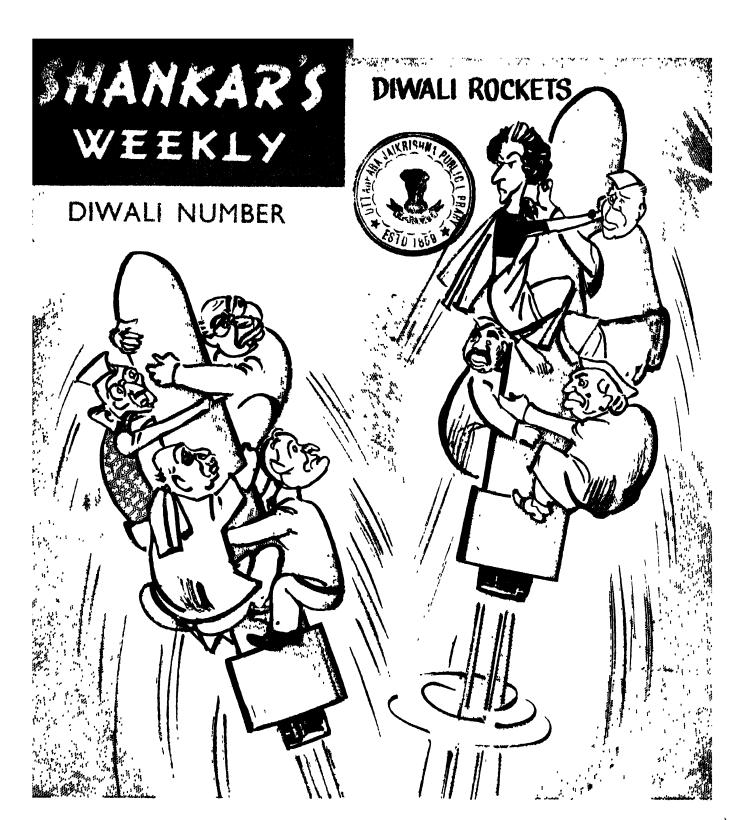
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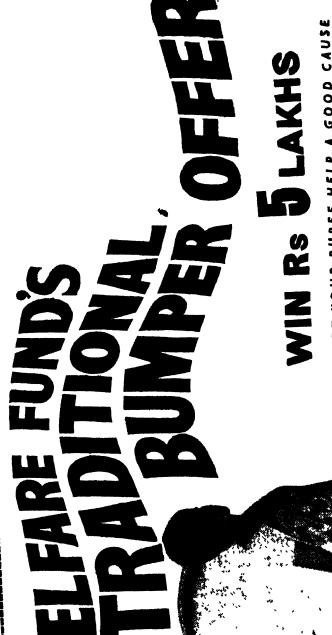
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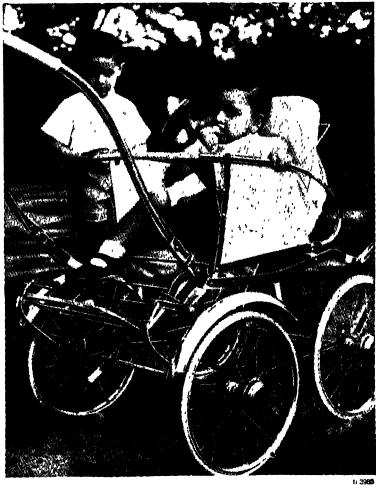
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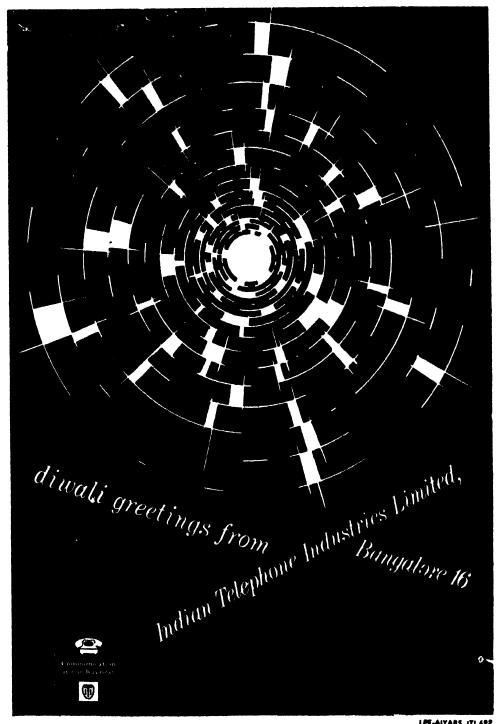
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FREE THINKING

THE decline and fall of the Congress requires a Gibbon to describe it, though it may require more than one Gibbon, along with a Wodehouse, and in the end there may be nothing Gibbonian about it. The Congress began under glorious auspices developed the sacrificial spirit under Gandhi, pursued a vision under Nehru, and is enacting a Gaderene descent under Nijalingappa.

Nijalingappa, who is probably the only clown among Congress Presidents, is among the Rabelaisian characters who have contributed buffoonery to history. History is a muse, but the Syndicate under Nijalingappa has treated it like a mistress. The result is more hysteria than history, but a split in the Congress is history as a split in the Holy Roman Empire, which was neither Holy nor Roman nor an Empire was history. The Founding Fathers of the Congress did not think of the Syndicates yet to be born, the grave-diggers that are necessary for any dying organisation. The Congress became an empire and has found its grave-diggers, and it is no use expecting them to have a sense of humour.

The Congress had many heart transplants, but they did not help. The heart ticked but its arteries had become too thick. Division is a delicate piece of surgery, but it may not be just division, for there may be a division of the A-I C C and the P C C's and even of assets and bogus members, but if the result will be two Congresses, both cannot survive, one will take away its spirit.

The Syndicate has been the most notorious cabal in history. It has scored heavily in the manipulative politics of turning minorities into majorities. Legality has now become the basis of party warfare, just as legitimacy was the basis of the Bolingbrokes and the Wars of the Roses. But Nijalingappa's legal advisers seem to think that ignorance of law is an excuse, and that where the Working Committee is in a majority of one, illegality becomes legal, and where the majority of the A-I.C.C. and the parliamentary party are on the other side, it does not matter. Hanumanthaiya alone knows the limits of Nijalingappa's intellectual power, as everybody now knows the school of political morality to which Morarji Desai belongs.

Legality or illegality seems irrelevant to a revolutionary process, and what is happening in the Congress is not the business of counting head or tails but an explosion of the lava and brimstone lying underneath the pantomime of parliamentary democracy. The Roundheads did many illegal things and so did the red coats under Washington. The Mirabeaus of the French Revolution were guilty of illegal acts to the Bourbons and both the Czar and Kerensky felt that the methods by which Lemin brought about the Russian Revolution were illegal. The Jantar Mantar illegalities led to the illegalities of 15 Windsor Place, but both the battles and the war will be decided by Congressmen, not by Congress leaders. Ultimately the decisive say will be that of the people. The Syndicate,

fortunately or unfortunately, consists of paper tigers who cannot face the people, and the people still have a voice in the affairs of the Congress

The charge of Caesarism was made against Nehru also in 1951 but it could not be sustained. Even Nijahngappa is not a Caesar, though he was a lugubriously prancing pro-consul in Mysore. The Syndicate is an Indian version of the triumvirates of Rome, though Patil and Kamaiaj can claim suzerainty only over deserts.

The theory of collective leadership is legerdeman. It is supposed to mean only cabal rule. Any collective leadership can emerge from collectivism at all levels, and though this may be near democratic centralism in some dictionaries, it need not be totalitanianism. Collective processes mean democratic processes, and by refusing to face a legitimately and legally requisitioned A-I C C meeting, Nijahingappa has demed the democratic process. The result is a Pickwick looking like a Caesar.

The apparent issue, from the ait of letter-writing which has been so assiduously practised in recent days, between Indira Gandhi and Nijalingappa is whether the democratic process should prevail or constitutional formalities converted into illegalities. But really it is events that can decide who shall prevail and who shall not. And, whatever prevails, it seems the Syndicate will not, for its unpopularity overwhelms its usefulness to big business.

To Nijalingappa and his friends, Indira Candla may look like Bodicea fighting the Roman legions or a Joan of Arc liberating France from British dukes but burnt at the stake. To resort to more merciful and objective comparisons, she might be a Dulemea putting a host of Don Quixotes doming paper armour to flight.

Indira Gandhi started slowly not knowing what to do with those who claimed to be king-makers. She stimbled with the help of the aesthetic-looking Asoka Mehtas with their imitative American socialism and English. After 1967 she seems to have come to the conclusion that it was better to make history than do nothing in office. Those who want to make history must take risks, stake all sometimes, and after the heetic campaign for Giri's election, she has proceeded on the basis that fortune favours the brave. It is not even the question of any fortune. The Congress must have a sense of purpose or might as well perish. It is not worth being Prime Minister unless the Prime Minister can lead the people.

The anti-Indira Gandhi faction is the old anti-Nehm faction, refreshed and strengthened and ready to go down Its disappointment is that Sanjiva Reddy is not in Rashtrapati Bhavan, its hope is that big business is on its side. Reaction of course, is on its ide, and from Cape Comoun to Gupta's constituency, wherever it is, reactionaries are rallying

And that is why both friends and enemies of Indira Gandhi have begun to feel that she is Durga - Destroyer of Evil

Hectic Weeks

the political situation was like by a group of distant summit little scurrying go b tween, the little political panderer and the small-timer who sees all current problems and frivolous equations. Which is just as well. It. takes politics to the people and not the people to politics. The latter situation would have had the unsalutary consequence of uaacrying and demoralising the

To begin at the beginning of things was the takeover of banks. The Prime Minister, it. drinking water. She had been is a book had turned socialist concerned, too, with grass roots and gardening. All the social ism she needed was there in the sectarian influences, the Comnumsts refused to recognise this toolishly insisting that the

is classified, suggests that she Mrs Gandhi totally never replied. This was because

punior correspondent of a small intense, aversion to the Syndinewspaper and asked him what cate an aversion which he took on and respected till the end Politics is no longer the of his days. If you remember, mystique that it was, practised he never trusted the Consorof his days. If you remember, tunn and positively dishked the tens. It has come down to the cartels. He also condemned the Syndicates selling comic strips

Meanwhile the Nehru letters history in terms of his own small, were not read, but were passed on to Krishna Menon, who was campaigning for Indian inderendence among the pengums There surrounded by the penguins, like Alexander Selkirk, Krishna Menon read those letters and re-read them. He meditated deep and long on their contents. The story of mankind almost as fascinating as the story of the Nehrus, aroused Menon's curiosity, and he read is being claimed by her camp, all about the Neanderthal manhac always a deep commitment, who irritated homo suprens and to socialism. At one of her early got exterminated, for at. In-Press conferences she even said short, Krishna Menon, even, as that since her monkey brigade be read the letters and conceivdays her chief concern had been led the idea of publishing them

It was much later that Nijaletters which her father wrote Imgappa and the Syndicate disto her. For a long time under covered the Discovery of India and the Glampses They found out that these were neither seastories nor dry texts of school Dange letters were more social history. Reading them was a difficult job since there were too many pages. Asoka Mehta Whatever that was both the found them miasmic, which Dange letters and the Nehru meant messy and voluminous letters perhaps were never read. Yet they found out one thing by the addressees. A wag sug-Letters, were the instrument gests that India Gandhi, be-Nehru used to convert India to came annoyed with the letters socialism. It was the letters her father persisted in writing, which conditioned her in favour She suspected that Nijalingappa of an enquiry into the House of had something to do with this the Bulas (by no means an enflood of letters. She decided to quary into its wellbeing only), in write back to him, timing her favour of nationshisation and the letters in such a way that the public sector, and so on Let's local news editors would get write," suggested Patil "Inthem before her father did Inthem deed," said Atuva, "she'll be another chance?" shock her father He should see those misty and mysterious believes offset. It could be believed to the second of the sound of the second of the reply in the morning papers meetings of the Syndicate Nijam prison, and pairy his friends' lungappa was created a man of enquiries with an embarrassed, letters. The letters written by I don't know, Vallabhbhai, or Nijalingappa, even the nume-Saropin let me hear from the rous miasmas thrown in, were child herself. The information believed to be of irresistible. that we have though much of it subliminal power to convert

course, they make a pretence read of being contemporary and problem-based But this is the merest veneer. They really are They really are letters aimed at deep convic- people began to be dimly contions. They strike at the 100ts serous of what it was all about. of socialist indoctrination which Rabat, the banks' takeover, socialist fathers tried on their indiscipline, conscience, these impressionable children "Indira mysterious categories filled their Privadaishim," writes Gappa consciousness and disturbed m one of his best paternal them. It was suddenly being picces, it's your birthday Oh, suggested that but for the dear, this is just a gambit Rabat disgrace the traffic on Really it has no relation to the roads would have been what I have got to say Many more orderly, there would many days before this birthday have been more food, their of yours, a great and compas- lives would have been happier people named Gappa gave the contruy that Rabat was a people the message of revolu-necessary cathaisis, and that tion, which was WAIT wanted everyone to wait. He alisation on the part of the wanted bankers and depositors. Syndicate was the cause of the to wait. He wanted enquiries people's misery into houses of monopoly to wait Only through waiting and patience could a people this he was certain."

' Indira - Privadarshim,' another letter. It is a pity that you are not appreciating the difficulties in the way of our revolution. A people accomplish then revolution only by sacrifice When the Syndicate decided to ditch you by hurrying through with the nomination of a presidential candidate, you were presented with a magnificent opportunity for selfeffacement Few leaders would have missed the opportunity The snap vote on the presidential candidate—gave you i chance to ditch yourself Why didn't you do it? When we look through the immense scrolls of history, we find that every leader of men, every leader of consequence, ditched

Delicious effort It could well have thrown the persuasion of the Nehru letters in reverse. It could have changed our history But the Prime Minister employed a masterly stroke of strategy She refused dhi totally to read them. This was some-thing which the Syndicate's Nijalingappa letters men of letters had not bargain-

PIRHAPS the story was not ved and that her father was not come to the news editors as Syndicate had thought to be apocryphal which said that a Syndicate man. Nehru him-yet) are an elaborate counter-infallible collapsed. There was the Prime Minister rang up a self was told of his daughter's blast to the Nehru letters. Of no way of inducing the lady to

> As the war continued, the sionate leader of the Indian It was being suggested on the He the coldness to bank nation-

> The people, at long last, are accomplish their revolution, of awake. They have seen how effective the follow-up measures have been They have seen Nijalingappa followed up by Shashi Bhushan

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-Odd Signs---

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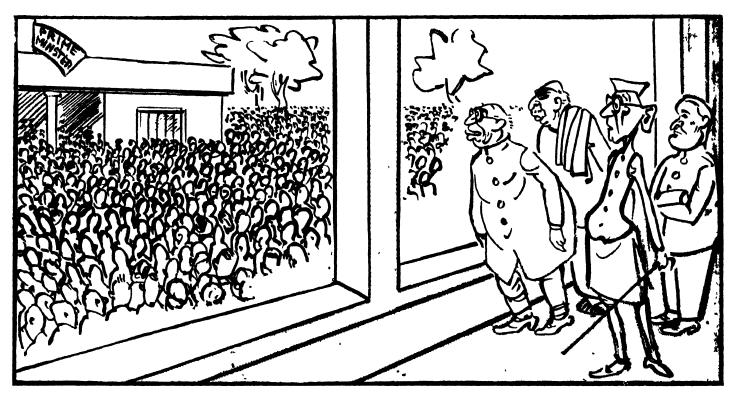
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At a Delhi establishment Broken glass fitted at moderate charges ()

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Note: Items for 'Odd Signs' should be factual and not invented and should as for as possible be in facsimile. Senders thing which the Syndicate's will receive two consecutives some of her playmates, reassured her that Gappa wasn't invol- (and many of these have not ed for The strategy which the tem published.—Ed., S.W.

Are people in the way?



The Syndicate wants to take action against the Prime Minister for Jun alleged acts of indiscipline

A Bunch of New Letters

It is more than two hours since we have exchanged letters and I am sure you will agree that with so much to be settled, we cannot afford this unworthy tardiness

My purpose in writing to you now is a certain unease in my mind over the slow progress of our common socialism. As you are no doubt aware, I had mentioned to your father some decades ago about socialism being the only solution of our ills. He agreed with me readily and it, therefore, came to me as a welcome and retreshing south wind —I mean your "stray" thoughts

After bank nationalisation, which, as you know, was really my idea, I was looking forward to the expropriation of all private property, not the privy pur-ses merely I know you are busy wait

There is one other matter I Ministers go abroad too often people what they so much greatly worned by the steady I thought you had come out

Nyalingappa to Indira Gandhi and some of them take their desire sons and friends with them. You share my strong feelings

> license. If you wish I can speak credit where credit is due to Fakhruddinji about it

and the country are both safe and sound

of a steady flow of letters. The Parliament people seem to wish it

Indira Gandhi to Nijalingappa

written after a long interval I problem you have mentioned I and I think he is right. am told that too many of our agree that we can't deny the Nijahngappan, I have been what is said in the Lok Sabha

know how strongly. I feel on to refer to my preoccupation Patili means well, but is it pruthese matters and I am sure you with cohesiveness and purpose dent for him to refer to all this I will look into this question of fand raising? All along we The third matter which I wish social sm immediately and per-have functioned in a certain trate bring up is the question of a haps the whole matter will be dition and we have never said small car. Now that dear San-settled by the time you next in public what we know about jay has completed work on his write to me. I had never claim (ach other I myself scriptitiny little thing, you should lose ed the idea as mine and it has lously avoid references to pri no time in giving him the always been my practice to give vate information and conversa-

Finally, I am sure that with sweat a lot and I do wish you I am eagerly looking forward to this striking mutual appreciation speak to Fakhruddin. Inciden-your next letter and in the and understanding, the Congress tally, I heard a lot about your meantime please do consider the con-in-law (or is it the son) in teleprinter idea I ondon and I do not under-Please keep in mind the need stand the fuss that is made in first copy of each of our letter

About the foreign trips I en- dear friends of the Press tirely agree with you I myself am averse to going abroad with so much to be done here I Nyalingappa to Indira Gandhi It was so mee of you to have have often been struck by the close resemblance of our views was installed. I have spoken to muoducing purpose and cohe- keep wondering sometimes if an with those of Gandhi (the other Fakhrudding and he has expressiveness in your Cabinet but exclusive teleprinter service with one, you know, the Mahatma) sed genuine regiet for being so even so socialism can hardly connections to all the news- He used to say India's problems remiss. You are very kind in repapers would not solve the little will have to be settled in India ferring to the boy in London

growth of indiscipline in the It was indeed gracious of you party and the country. I know tions as Kamaraji knows. I do Sanjay, poor fellow, has had to wish you speak to Sadobaji

I presume that as usual the is given to one or other of our

Yes it is time the teleprinter You must learn not to mind the Lok Sabha. I had myself he had done that very thing meent to write to you on this this myself. The best thing is to deny not only whatever may or may not have happened but what may or may not happen Orce you make a firm denial and stick to it, others will look like asses. Or would you like me to issue a forthright demal? You may ask Jagguji to see meabout this

Kam trajji was mentioning to me about how someone or other seeks to create a rift by concoctme stories about your having revealed private conversations He knows your entire temperament would rebel against this type of thing. He is solidly with you as you know very well-

I must remember to speak to Pathly As you rightly say, he means well but is apt to forget luriself sometimes and we just can't allord to forget ourselves. Who knows, if this sort of thing catches on, what we will be reyealing. And you are no doubt. aware of how much there is to coverd. We cannot be untrue. to our tradition. In any event, there is the question of discipline as you rightly emphasised Grup also mentioned this to me and I will be very firm with Sadobaji

critism has been ushered in and the paper on which I write

very well of scandalous referen- what I like about it most is that ces about the diamond necklace nobody is even aware of what and the mink coat. I under has happened. Your modesty stand that you had given some becomes you well. But don't next advice to Sukhadiaji. I cerry this self-effacing too far hope you will stick to these Sometimes you have to say that strict standards when Jagn-you have done something, othervarif's tax question comes up in wise someone also will say that

I hope that since everything subject. I have experience of has ended so nicely you will kindly agree to my relinquishmg the Presidentship Whateyer you may say, I am not that young and it is time I retired to Mysore, though Virendrag would have none of

Indira Gandhi to Nyahngappa

This letter is a SOS and has necessarily to be brief. Relingaishing the presidentship - don't dream of it You being not young! I haven't heard such stuff and nonsense and it amazes me that you should be capable of it. Virendraji is insistent on this point. He says unless you are at the helm of affairs, the ship of state will be in distress. I couldn't agree nue but sad that you have imwith him more. Jaggu babu posed a condition. and Fakhruddinji are shocked Dangeji has begged of me to stop this calamity I may have to convene a special A-LCC to thwait your ill-considered step Subramaniami suggests this step Pray abandon thought of quitting

Nyalingappa to Indira Gandhi

My vision is a little bluried now by the tears, which well-Lam glad in the meantime so- ing within, have burst on to



It is unfair to suggest that this foundation stone is being laid only to appoint a commission to find out what it is for'



bow to your wish but only on tunate? Limayen, if he agrees, Prime Minister

Indua Gandhi to Nijalingappa

I am glad that you will conti- Y B Chavan to Vasantraoji In this world one has to accept that life is a mixture of joy and sorrow May His will be done

Raj Naram to Indua Gandhi

It has been a matter of abiding satisfaction for me that the letters between you and Nijalingappaji are so full of sweetness and mutual respectthat there is just a chance of decency asserting itself in pubhe affairs. As you know, I on the same side. Brahma-have been distressed by the nandan and Sukhadian were he affans occasional name-calling in the Rajva Sabha and you were the first to congratulate me on my recent forceful plea for decomu

What our society needs today is more of the kind of letters which you have exchanged with the Congress President My Party is thinking of bringing them out in a Mobite and DS Desai to YB. series of volumes Limaveji agrees with me and sends you his respects to which I add my own besides love and affection

Indira Gandhi to Raj Narain

I know I can count on your support for upholding certain basic decorum and Pathaku, I believe, is thinking of giving you some special responsibility in the Rajva Sabha Could the House have been more for-

the understanding that you will can take Khadilkarp's place as agree to be the permanent Deputy Speaker and nothing will give gleater happiness to Chavanji and Jaggu babu

(applicable to Naik and Patil).

Much has distressed me recently but nothing more than the frequent changing of sides I hear Mobiten and Bala Saheb are thinking of switching over to the Syndicate because I am with the Prime Minister Tell them I have always been with the Prime Minister as I have always been with the Syndicate And perhaps they do not know that both the Prime Minister and the Syndicate are also brought round to this assessment by Chaliban

The unity of the Maharashtra Congress has flourished in the greater unity of the National Congress Mohiten and Bala Salieb would not think of switching from side to side, if they do what I have donebreaking the myth of disunity

We are much indebted to you for clarifying matters We were going from camp to camp thinking that you were in one or the other and choosing the one where we thought you were not. Now that there is no camp, we will also be united. Or do you think there is a chance? Otherwise we are with you

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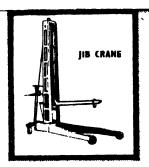
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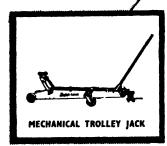
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The political non-purpose

IN saying the only sensible and Karunanidhi himself had revolutionary purpose Dange flows from power at one place, comedy with his fourteen me- vist dialectics are involved in Karunanidhi may have unwit- mentos reminiscent of Wilson's either case in the present objectingly done what he had carlier fourteen points premised not to do-the aut biting the mired elephant. He seems reasonable to suppose, he India and the Syndicate, could not, however, have chosen should not spoil the show and though there is no difference a better moment to strike in a interfere with the delightful because, as Jyoti Basu says

purpose. And it is this non-sant nonsense purpose which is the outstanding fact of Indian politics today

is weirdly discordant

seeming consistency and add a power little spice and flavour to the glorious mix-up of non-issues CPI has concretised dialectics extremists that there is such a non-events and non-persons' mito a neat capsule or two-corthing as law order and the CPI There is already a surfeit of it cuption in Kerala and Indira's has told EMS that there is such

drama had been one of non-the gills with so much of plea- Congress!

thing that all the trouble done his part in the hilamous would have us believe that Mar tive' situation Sunderayya tells If he does not mean much, as as there is a distriction between cause which is the only rationale Vaudeville to which we are "both represent the lotedars' for DMK's separate existence being treated by the inter- We have always the delightful But this appears to be no nationally famous Indira-Gappa Rajnarain who votes for Giri more than a fleeting moment of duo. There is not much room boping that the Congress would truth. Otherwise 'Kalaignar's" for the sensible thing in this fall and works against Indiraresponse to the developing little India of ours-crammed to finding that she is, in fact, the

The logic does not end here Take the DMK, for instance Chavan has to instruct Viswa-Were it not for its fierce asser- nathan to swear in the CPI led One does not wait with bated tion of Tamil subnationalism, it minority government in Kerala, breath these days for what this is not much different from the and tell Kamingo not to permit party or that, this individual or Congress It was voted to power a Congress-led government in thet would do Almost every- on this count, above all else Bihai. The SSP, if it means body who is somebody has said. Yet these three years it has been business in attacking the real enough and more and much of at pains to prove that it is not centre of power, will be obliged it many times over, and the what it should have been, and to support C B Gupta and Ha-"drama" has already been rob- now has gone so far as to sup- inhar Singh, even as the CPI and bed of much of the diamatic, port the entrenchment of a CPM, true to the cause of revo-though not of all of the fun powerful Central authority lutionary tactic, will be obliged. There is hardly anyone who says. This refashioning of tactic, po-anything worthwhile. Which is licy and programmes (the Hindi mananda Reddy and Sukhadia why Karunandhi's stray reason question has been forgotten) is The Kerala Congress has become weirdly discordant a measure of the non purpose of part of a new left front EMS. Or did he mean to be serious. Indian politics, and, in full mea- had earlier seen Bula and Jyoti only to introduce an element of sure, it defines the politics of Basu had pleaded with the Centre for a Bengal industrialist

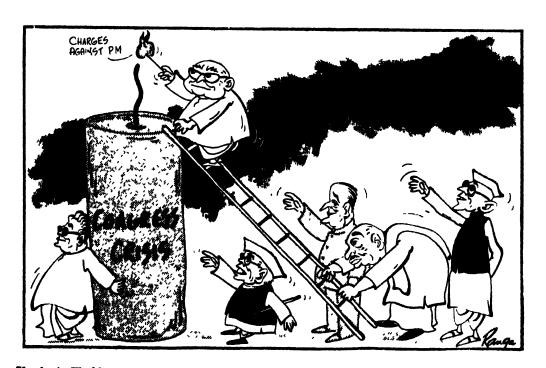


a thing as corruption

No one knows the why of anything and yet all the babble is about first causes while, in fact, the first causes have ceased to exist DMK does not know why it came into being, nor the CPI and the CPM and the SSP The Jana Sangh President says he is not opposed to bank nationalisation and he would not stick to the slogan of strong Centre, and Mesaur has spoken of a democratic, socialist alliance

This, in short, is both the cause and effect of the crisis in the Congress If the parties had consistently stood for what they were meant to stand for, the Congress would have continued to be what it was meant to be Conversely if the Congress had remained what it had always been the others would have retained their identity

The loss of identity is mother outstanding fact of Indian poli-tics today. The resultant confusion bestrides the Indian world and not like a gentle Colossus either In this confusion in-heres a major tyraniv This does not be merely in the merry jettisoning of people big and small, from positions, high and low or in the decemt, sychophancy, free use of official machinery climsy efforts to bribe the Press, etc. etc. This does not he in an easy rejection of every kind of legality or discipline. It does not inhere in the shame that is All India Badio. Tyranny's real face is to be seen not in all this, but in the conscious self-deception that this is not a struggle between non-purpose and non-event, in the crusade for causes that simply do not exist, in ignoring the anatomy of the power struggle and seeing the vision of revolutionary confrontation. Not many



months ago after Mrs. Gaudhrs. Those were the days of devalua-

power replaces another syndi-men cate in revolt

American visit, her biggest sup-tyrainiy. European social de- ing is to confuse matters so says that this would have been porters were known Rightists morracy refused to see the na- much that everybody gives up of he had himself not spoken tue of the issues and suffered a everything to be behind one or about it! And Subramaniam tion and Asoka Mehta. The Ja- blow from which it is yet to re- the other faction. Herein lies complains that a letter had been balpin A-I CC was confronted cever Indian democracy's big- the tyranny of the situation written to him which he did not with a full accomple of a Caba gest tragedy is that those who Wes Sanjiva Reddy's choice or himself get!

India's tragedy is that there disation. In her battle against and delude themselves with jivan Ram distressed by Nijalin-Kamataj her ally was Morarji fads building around them the gappa's talks with the Swatan-and a mere sixteen or seventeen who is now Kamataj's chief ally prison walls of 'concepts,' which tra or Chavan metamorphosed Chief Ministers. The demand agenist India. The old bosses quickly degenerate into 'tae- by penitence for the original elected her and the new bosses ties. Naturally there is an sim- Indira says somebody talk-Sukhadia, Brahmananda Red- abandonment of 'ideas" and the ed to the Jana Sangh and so she dy D. P. Mishra and the rest revolutionary purpose which had to ditch somebody else, and Karunandhi has brought the stand by her. One syndicate in ideas" alone can infuse into when she is told that nobody issue into sharp focus with what

This is the crux of the Indian seems to have succeeded in do- about a letter that never was and talked to anybody, she says, perhaps he himself has not re-

India's tragedy is that there can be only one Prime Minister far exceeds the supply Though Gandhi (not Indira) had a different hostility to centralisation, What the Congress Party 'Yes, I agree" Chavan speaks cognised as a remarkably fundamental diagnosis

> Indua Gandhi may or may not be doing good to the people, and again may or may not be popular But in seeking to reduce the supply of a commodity in great demand, she is accentuiting a very real problem of shertage

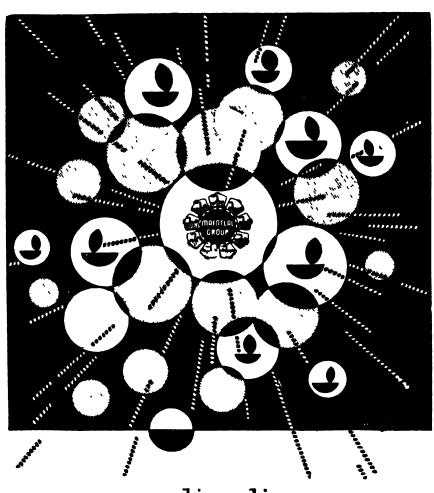
> The DMK, when it started its political career, may not have been aware of a practical first stage solution which it was offering to a problem of shortage. At least if it had stuck to its first principles, it could have helped in the creation of fifteen or so posts of Sub-Prime Ministers. There might still have been 1 Prime Minister but, like the English monarch, he or she would not have been much envied Or probably a rotation system could have been evolved giving scope for quite a few aspirants

> And once the sub-nations became a reality, states within the sub-nations would have been the logical consequence. The chain reaction which the pro-cess would have unleashed might have led to the kind of village republies Gandhi had in view though for other reasons

> Thus the only solution to the problem of power as to any other is to divide and sub-divide it and tackle it in every such division and sub-division

Indian liberation is not related to rescuing the people from poverty and degradation and destitution, nor to ending the monopoly of business and industry but to the ending of power The first stop is to end its monopoly Let us have a few hundied thousand Prime Ministers, giving a one in hundred chance for every adult And the chances are that more may want it. That is when the millenium will arrive

BHISHMA

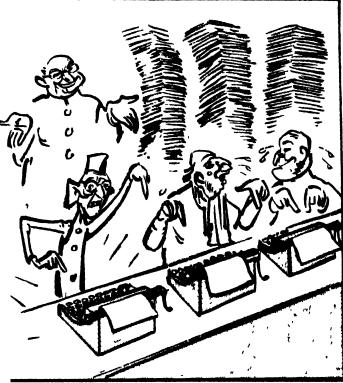


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the introduction is not a joke For instance, on Saturday we appropriate dates say the party is virtually 'split'

consideration we have decided leave nothing for the journalists about midnight to read out the The war of words is no doubt to publish a few specimen who may not then report my letter but was told you had good, it fetches ready copy letters. Politicians can repro-statement at all though late in the night. All duce them freely without per- Finally, I have that one need to do is to write mission or acknowledgement to the All India Radio news an introduction of two para- and if they do not because bulletins and am convinced I got the letter sent to you by graphs or so and put one's by- they are better equipped to they are marked by the cult of a special messenger a little later line to the text. But writing write and receive letters, coi- personality. On November 1, and released it to the Press so respondents can use them with

From Nijalingappa to Mrs

is perhaps an improvement on you. The very fact that "some" Mehta) tells me, your average newspapernich said it is i it but you cannot go on adding members of the Working Comfurthers. There is apparently a depth beyond which a crisis a Government allotment, and other days also. Above all to be my residence was a com-

Then, of course, there is the not anywhere else confirms the while your full name is given gress is it never seems to parting of the ways. This does point I made. Why didn't you I am only called Mr. Nijalinsplit in the clean, healthy mannot seem to be a flexible phrase hold the meeting at Mr gappa, with the accent on the munist Party became CPM has to part or not part One and CPI, or the Socialist cannot remain parting. There Party of yore first got a prefix are other expressions like security staff guarding your "P" meaning the people, then schism', but being of a religible house and served soft drinks developed into PSP and SP ous connotation they had better. Doesn't it amount to setting a ous connotation they had better. Doesn't it amount to setting a both of which combined briefly be left to the editorial writers bad precedent? If we also your charge of personality cult who have dictionaries and serve soft drinks at the A-ICC but am doing it for the sake of office the crowd of demonstra-Taking all these facts into tors outside will gatecrash and

your name was mentioned 28 that you can read it in print times in five bulletins whereas I when you get up in the moin figured only 16 times, that too ing instead of wading through But it does nothing of the kind on Sunday. So we plug a different line and say the crisis of my statement about the deepened 'Further deepened' growing personality cult around the statistics his hobby (Editor, the the Working Committee, met the working growing personality cult around the statistics his hobby (Editor, the the Working Committee, met the working growing personality cult around the statistics has hobby (Editor, the the Working Committee, met the working growing personality cult around the statistics has hobby (Editor, the the Working Committee, met the working growing personality cult around the statistics has hobby (Editor, the the working Committee, met the working growing personality cult around the statistics has hobby (Editor, the the working Committee, met the working growing personality cult around the statistics has hobby (Editor, the the working Committee, met the working growing personality cult around the statistics has hobby (Editor, the the working Committee, met the working growing personality cult around the statistics has hobby (Editor, the the working Committee, met the working growing personality cult around the statistics has hobby (Editor, the the working Committee).

From Mrs Gandhi to Nijalingappa

I don't even have to deny postenty My office got in touch with your residence at retired for the day (How we Finally, I have been listening wish you could simply retire) To avoid meanwenieneing you

but just as a courtesy have a tradition of treating our And we did not Gandlu guests well

served not as an inducement socio-economic changes taking go back to bed until 5 a m We place in the country

have been attacking me day in not want to disturb my sleep, sive sleepless nights. You can and day out more in their when your letter reached my send your reply tomorrow night soft drink. As for the demon- my bedroom and woke me up- we should evolve a system by strators, those who come to my. Then came a friend who miss-mutual agreement to send letresidence are not after soft ted on drafting a reply to it ters every alternative might You

Though this letter was ready, From Nyalingappa to Mrs typed and signed before daybreak I am ensuring that it readiscriminate against those I am not convinced by your ches you only at midnight so gentlemen of the Press who arguments. Though you did that I won't have two succes-

cidence. The soft drinks were drinks but are moved by the there and then. So I could not take Monday, Wednesday and Friday and I will have Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday

As for the personality cult, the following excerpt from a statement by one of your sup-porters, Mr Joachim Alva, vin-dicates me He was reported to have said "When this humble utterances than even in their bungalow at 1.25 a.m. my secre- when I shall prepare invisely to writer was in Hong Kong some reports. If you had come you tary who was awake reading keep awake I think in the intime ago studying the develoption would have been served a Bunke's speeches, barged into terests of the health of both of us ment of democratic socialism. there, a Chinese salesgirl at a shop selling Japanese transistors accosted me and asked me whether I was from the land of Candhi I fell into a conversation with her on the topic of Caudhi forgetting for the moment the transistor one so badly needs at home in one's work of rousing the people and regenerating the nation I told her all about Gandhi and how he almost wrote a post card to me But the girl said she did not mean the old Gandhi but Mis Gandhi 'I like the beautiful saties she wears' the girl remarked All this shows how popular the Prime Minister is abroad—"etc

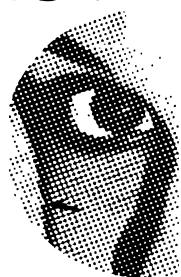
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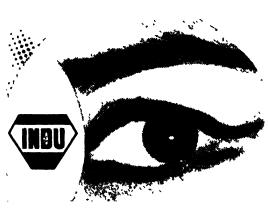
I cannot agree to your suggestion of writing letters every other day. There cannot be a timetable for it I am not too fond of entering into this long controversy with you but am doing it only to keep the re-cord straight. So I reply whenever I feel there is need for it so that, the people will know who is on the side of progress and who is stalling it

Your instituation that a gentleman whom you describe as my supporter said something in fayour of the saris I wear is not worth replying. He would have said the same thing about your achkans or dhotis. That is the Time magazine style of personalised description which he picked up when he was an acc journalist. He cannot get over it Incidentally, I am shocked by your reference to one-man rule In your bitterness you seem to have lost your sense of gender In fact, some of the ladies pitted against me are spurred by nothing more than petty jealousv And now you charge me with trying to establish one-man

Also please send me a glossarv of the mythological names used in your letters. Who is Swayambhu² I never met him

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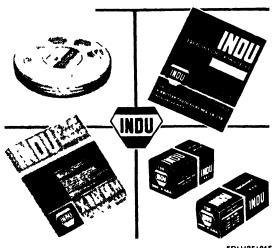


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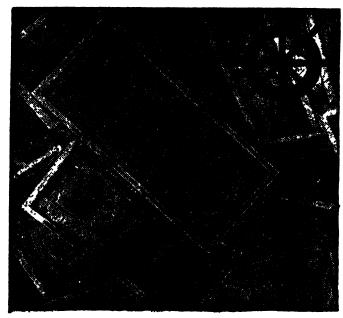
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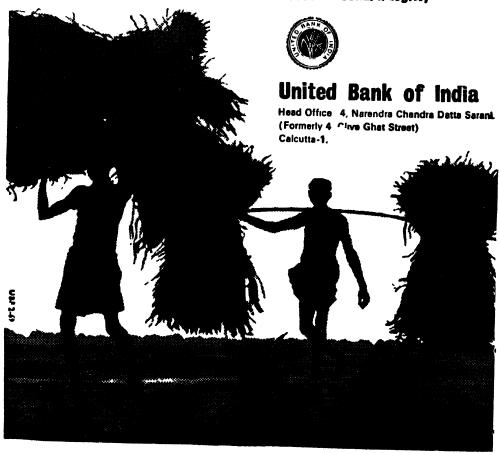
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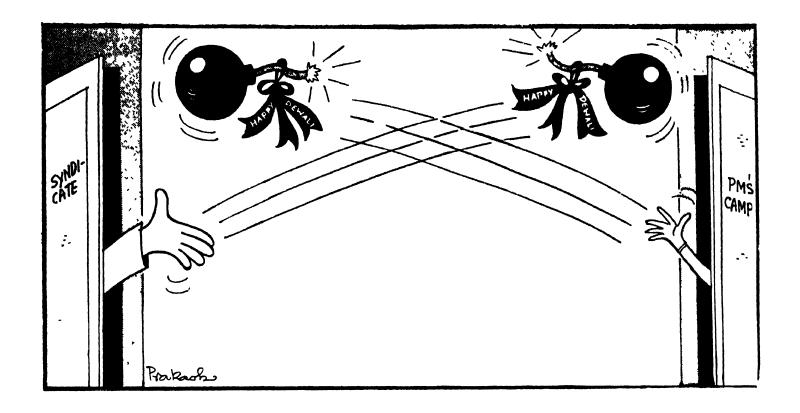
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destination, the Prime Minister, President. pondered over the matter with considerable anxiety. She had known the President closely for dit of the Acting President that voted the Prime Minister and neval in the meanting. Actknown the rresident closely for out of the Acting President that quite some time and could not his mind became agile and rabut develop considerable respect for his methods, but this months of his acting president one was beyond her Was he getting stale, did he need he fail to write down such of something to tone him up? she his letters as others already had asked herself. She wanted to read One had only to remark that the consequences in that of the meantime, Acting President in the meantime in over-err on the right side, and casually that he read the Act- take the consequences in that cd the presidency was to comorganized the signature caming President's letter for the case, and returned to the camined the social control of the paign for an A.I.C.C session latter to post a pre-dated let- pital in a huff

first in the chain of these extend the presidential terms presently events, it will be recalled, by an year should not be rewas that storm-in-a-cup reversed She had however delating to the letter not monstrated that it was the chickens should not be count- of Sanjiva Reddy. And then written by the President The President's welfare she had pri- ed before they are hatched things started happening in a Prime Minister of course could marily in mind when she al- This is what the Prime Minis- diamatic manner not shirk her responsibility to lowed herself to be persuaded ter tended to do, because the reply to that letter merely be to accept an amendment that mood of the High Command cause the otherwise articulate cut the extension period was against the Acting Pre- ed Moraiji Desai as Finance letter was not written So her to the first two months of sident being given a fresh full Minister and Deputy Prime reply was duly composed and 1970. But on one point she term. Hastily she jotted down Minister, and the latter at an leased to the Press would not budge the President a few "stray thoughts" on hour's notice prepared an orent during these two months "Social Control of the Public dinance for 'Social Control of
The reply having reached its should be designated 'Acting Sector," which the High Comthe Public Sector which the

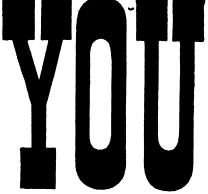
only to provide time to the ter on exactly the same lines! But even before her return, President Obviously the ques- The Prime Minister noticed this Acting President Nijalingappa NOW that the election is over, tion could not be raised in that improvement and promised amounced his candidature we can look retrospectiform, and she had to move, that she was all for the Act- against. Samiva. Reddy, the vely at the cataclysmic events at the risk of being misunder- ing President getting a regu- official nominee, on grounds of of the last few months in a stood, a resolution wondering lai term when the election was conscience. The Prime Minisrelatively detached way. The whether the earlier decision to be held, and this fell due ter announced that she would

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he now raised an important question Congress, he contended, was not an ordinary political party Was it not a national forum in which even non-AICC members, belonging to other parties, could cast vote? Anyone with a conscience could cast his vote, he thundered So he started a whirlwind campaign in the States to get the votes of those with a conscience.

Sanjiva Reddy was now get-ting restive and he had a hurried discussion with the Prime Minister. She assured him that she would stand by the High decision, though Command's it would be difficult for her to issue a whip due to technical reasons Reddy was far from reassured and his worst fears came true when, a few davs before the election, she did not deny having authored a letter to Nijalingappa supporting the latter's stand that anyone with a conscience could vote in an AICC election. What she did deny was having written that lctter

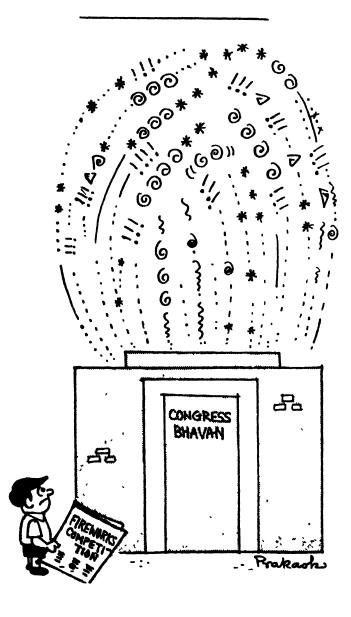
It was now clear that those with conscience outside AICC outnumbered those inside the Congress and Sanjiva Reddy narrowly lost the keen contest. Nijalingappa described his victory as "people's victory". Of Sanjiva Reddy none could say he did anything sordid for, did he not congratulate Nijalingappa? Asked if he would resign from the Congress, Reddy reportedly said: "That could be done any time."

Sanjay

Rat-race in Complexcity

THE country-rats in Complexcity
Hurrying skurrying
Engaged in the race unending
To meet
Their high-placed city-cousins—
One in cubicle 707
In floor four of Chappatti Square
Another in air-conditioned Room Eight
In South Wing of Kumbhakarna Bhavan
Yet another in Lotos Eaters' Terrace
In Tipu Sultan Road
And another and another and another
In Enclave Puri Nagar

The regional rats of the sub-continent
How many
What diverse colours
What varied missions
What genetic codes
Every plane is packed with them
Every guest house full of them
The file-nibbling rats,





"We might overlook her teeth as she is modelling for savier and not toothpaste"

Tub-thumping ats, Wire-pulling rats The itching-nailed rats, The dissidentist rats, The sabre-rattling rats The munsterial rats, The separatist rats, The integrationist rats, Master rats, deputy rats, adviser rats Mothers, fathers, cousins, uncles Sons-in-law, meces, steuographers Gay young friskers, grave old plodders Careersts, vote-catchers, permit-snatchers Doddering septuagenerians, Fire-cating student leaders Poet-politicians, heir-presumptives, transplant-wizards

All the country-rats are here
Rats from Varma Pradesh in Aquarium
Rats from Vayu Pradesh in Windmills
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Rats from Poojya Pradesh in Zero House
Every regional rat in his own habitat
In his Home away from Home
With cromes at breakfast comparing
yesterday's scores
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planning the strategy for the da

Spick and span at mine
Many a country-rat begins his race
Thumbs the telephone numbers
Dials and rings and rings and dials—
An interview at ten
An engagement at eleven
A confrontation at twelve
A cosy lunch at the 'Danube
A committee meeting at the 'Centre'
A tete-a-tete at the 'Wallabi'
A health check-up at the 'All-India'
Taxi, scooter, staftcar, bus
Run helter-skelter
Now up the stairs, now down

Now three floors up in the lift Now five floors racing down Buttonhole city-cousin at the Club House Negotiate a deal with the Receptionist

A week of days futilely spent! Wire home for instructions Follow the file! Of course, of course, follow the file! That's why I came I'll follow the file! I'll scamper around the rats alleys My nose to the ground My file my file what has happened to my file? Nothing has happened. It's with the Resistant Ill meet him, then Hes in Hungary to negotiate a loan Ill meet the Persistant He's in Mainitius for collaboration I'll meet the Insistant Hes in Poland on a cultural mission Ill meet Micky Mouse himself Hes in Timbuctoo on a shooting spree Can nothing be done? Nothing—till the prodigals return

Round and round the clock the race goes on

if the country cousins

Now at the office, now at the residence

Now at tea-time, now at supper

Now at the cinema house, now at the discotheque

Here, there, everywhere

The country-rats are forever in pursuit

The country-rats confabulate in vain

The country-rats conspire in vain

The country-rats oscillate in vain

Between party boss and government bossling

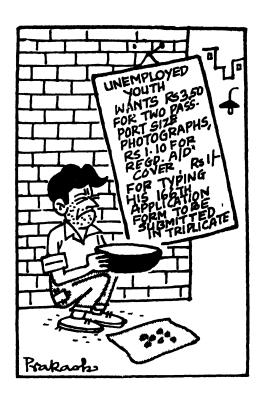
Between ruling chief and regional quisling

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Tittering, tectoring All in vain, all in vain



"Your chances for towns and collection of relief funds are remote which shows there will be fewer floods and droughts this year"



Seven times has the country-rat made the high ascent Dozed in the lounges and stared at the panels. Seven times has he been smoked at by the city-rat And unceremonously shown the door. Seven times for all his home-bred wisdom. He has failed to move the file.

To the next table—
And there are tables and tables
There are cubicles and cubicles
There are processes and procedures
There are promises and processinations
And there are impending transfers and dismissals
And there are mislaid files and files in transit.

Why not ask the Pradesh Speaksie
To squeak a question?
Of dart a supplementary?
Of move an adjournment?
Why not write a "Letter to the Editor"?
Why not go on a "fast unto death"?
Desperate, desperate remedies!
You cannot lift Himalaya

Better pray

God, God, if there is a God,

Let my file move,

Let me watch it move from table to table,

Let me trail it around the rooms and bhavans,

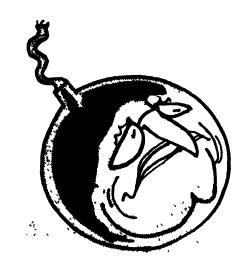
Let me digest the notings and scrawls.

Let me await the millennial dawn

When a decision will at last be madel

And in the meantime
I'll go round and round the prickly pear
Like ten thousand others go round the prickly pear
Lost in the rat-race
Of Complexcity.

Go ahead! Light









His Vision!

'Let me be alone as Casabianea Others in the ship are But Casabianca is remembered' - Congress Pieforgotten sident Nijalingappa

NIJALINGAPPA stood all alone Whilst one by one they fled The campaign to oust him went on All nonchalant and brave he stood Determined to be firm To continue to be President For the extended term

They pressed him hard, he would not go Without Kamaraj's word But Kamaraj far in South below Could only faint be heard He called aloud. 'Say S K P If yet my term is done And waited for that hon's roar But answer there came none!

"Speak Morarji" once again he cried "So disciplined you aic!" But Morarji so busy was— Planning satyagiaha So in the press he read the news And heard much more on AIR But undaunted still he stood And never showed despair!

Then once again he cried aloud "Say Chavan, must I stay?"
Full silence Alas, Chavan had Gone the Indicate-way And now they scattered far and wide. For signatures they sought And in the space of a short time They claimed they had a lot.

And then there came the mighty clash-Nijalingappal, oh, where was he? Ask those members who came to The Session (AICC) Armed with resolutions that Made our hero squirm

The Seed Crystal

What key?' asked the Khan The key to prosperity Small Industry When you start a lage-scale industry you are up in, Khan, you ask Do you know against the big hurdle of managerial capacity. Up at the Planning Commission they talk in terms of crores, because they small beginning. Initiative has don't have to manage the croics they talk about But chaps who to get the process going. Once have to run large-scale industries that happens, everything goes are either not socialists or good trippingly men who cannot convince auditors that running a business on business of bank credit. The the principle of deficit financing banks like to take a look at what is the essence of dynamism

Lusmess it's different. A small-sonahty, know-how, but the scale businessman cannot be a banks haven't evolved spurtually Big Businessman-that's plan far enough they prefer gold, enough So, if you want to have gilt-edged or like securities. You, socialism and freedom, set up a Main, are made of finer stuff gigantic pyramid of small-scale. You value those human qualities industries. That's what we have which are a better collateral discovered the key to socialism than unalloyed gold. You lend is SSI

'So what's' asked the Khanlisation of banks. Under the old nationalisation a thimping sucorder, credit was flowing to Big cess. Throw in your first hand-Business, and more to commerce ful, my khan, into hands such than to industry. In the new as mine. With that in hand, deal, the direction of credit has we enter the portals of the nabeen-or will soon be-diverted bonalised banks as worthy eligito industry, small While one bles to be greeted by custodians man got the money before, and falling over themselves to pump took years to set up a large in- credit into our schemes making dustry, while mothers brought a million smalls burgeon LEONOBA up more and more unemployed

EXPLAINED to my Khan- children, now, a million men the common or garden will get the money, immediately money-lending Khan-that the set up a smal little industry whole thing was different now apiece, and forthwith make The key had been turned breadwinners of the said unemployed children

'Wellt' asked the Khan.

Ah yes Where do you come bout crystals, Khan?

'No'

Crystals have to grow from a to come from one tmy element

There is a little snag in this you have got, before they make When you come to small-scale an advance. I have brains, per-That's what we have which are a better collateral without the so called securities Our policymakers look upon That brings us to the nationa- you dear man to make the bank

9 November 1969

Marck



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Shankar's Weekly

of Time



Caught in the split

THE Press is full of the shrill notes of the Congress charivan in Delhi What with the ber-has been the synonym of "There is stability, rule of law democracy mouths. How else to explain the ments on the party tremors? The uncertainty of the hereafter Congress MPs and Chief Minis-

front page on critical occasions new dynamic approach to polisurprisingly silent also. Well, a more concerted thrust towards

The Hindusthan Standard is Gandhi should have given defication but sound the death brief and to the point It writes. Intion to the issues and put them knell of the organisation over people unprepared in spite of ductive of some good. What is the general confusion of careta-self is in peril' tilking and writing about if for being enacted is a sordid power ker politics." The conclusion. The Times of diama "which has very little to therefore is that a period of of the split is that the Congress note of frustration in the com- do with principles or even poli-

The sentiment is shared by

"The responsibility for the split to test This has not been done."

"uncertainty and turmoil" is in- is disintegrating "because its dicated That has, however, not leaders no longer believe in arprevented the Hindustan Times riving at decisions by consensus" is not confined to the hearts of the Hindustan Times According writing the next day recommen- "It is a fallacy to think that a to it, the Congress has split ding dissolution of Parliament democratic party can keep its ters only, it has its place in the "involuntaril, through a series and fresh elections. It argues vigour only so long as the majority seasoned to view political knowing the reason why and the most democratic course every issue, in fact the majority ters, seasoned to view political crises with cynical loftiness.

There is, however, no taking of sides in the dispute for most of the daily Press. The few who are committed continue to be so but they influence only marginal readership One "narginal readership One "narginal readership One "narginal resisted the tem
tional newspaper" with a big chain has even resisted the tem
knowing the reason why and outcomed what might now would be the dissolution of the Lok Sabha and the holding as it takes good care not to push the minority to the Mrs Gandhi oi Mr. Nijalmgapyarily is being split on non-issues the party is being split on non-issues this. The issue is not consciously measured and apportion of fresh elections. Whatever Mrs Gandhi oi Mr. Nijalmgapyarily is being split on non-issues the mandate to govern the Lucknow, has the last word. It is mercules in its judgment.

They have certainly forfeited all is mercules in its judgment.

'Hairsplitting logic and a fine constitutional or proceedual. It is metaworthy in that it appears consideration of constitutional consistent of the mandate to govern the party is being split on non-issues. chain has even resisted the tem-strutional or proceedinal. It is noteworthy in that it appears consideration of constitutional plation for an editorial on the political and moral. There is to come after Monday's release niceties cannot disguise the Congress split for days toge considerable sympathy for the of Nijalingappa's long charge- brutal fact that the split has

in the nation's lite, has been ties and development and desire fresh elections to the Lok Sabha scene has all the trappings of a supprisingly silent also Well, a more concerted thrust towards here goes what some others social and distributive justice have said. Well, a more concerted thrust towards would be a better choice than clock-and-dagger diama. In yet the uncertainties of the present another comment the Pioneer situation. As for the split, it said that what we are being goes into thetories mentous issue of high policy, no genuine commitment, no recog-barred." It warns that "the mizable ideology has lead to the street" has entered the scene and present disarray, only factiona- mobbed the Syndicate, but lism on so petty a scale as to having tasted blood it will not be meredible." The Amrita spare the "Indicate" either "No be meredible" The Amrita spare the "Indicate" either "No Bazar Patrika views the Congress one can deny that the Congress President's action in dropping is dying with a bang but when Mi C. Subramaniam and Mr its obituary comes to be written Fakhruddın Ali Ahmed from by historians they might have signal for further action which sung.

which he presides." There is no using tempo of invectives ex- both groups share in equal mea- The paper then points out that use in discussing the legality or changed, running commentary is sure No serious move for pre- if it is true that the A-ICC under otherwise of such actions, for becoming difficult and there is serving the unity of the organi- Mi Nijalingappa has remained "both parties have prepared real danger that some of the passation was initiated by either indifferent to policies and their themselves for what really pers may run out of newsprint camp before the fateful week- implementation, the attitude amounts to a civil war and if they are also to carry full end, which suggests that none and behaviour of PCCs and there is practically no possibilities to fit the sentillating correspondence between Mr. Nijaling eiges in the shape it had be. Gandhi's supporters has also mise." The consequences of the gappa and Mis. Gandhi. The fore November 1. The party is been much the same. The split, according to the Patrika. contenders are all past their thus irrevocably split and nothprime of youth but age has not dampened their spirits and there is chough flexing of must be breach will now spread to not stick and to all levels of Another point noted by the states and to all levels of the states and to all levels of Another point noted by the states and to all levels of the states and the states are the states and the states are the states and the states are the states are the states and the states are the states are the s entertain the crowd. That is the organisation and ultimately the superficial aspect. But deep-two rival bodies, each stable with the first three superficial aspect. the superficial aspect. But deep- two rival bodies, each staking its. Parliament meets on November, policies with which she can win er down, the mevitability of a claims to the legacy of the un- 17, it would be difficult to keep over the masses. She has raised split in the Congress which for divided Congress, will emerge, the party members on the line expectations which, if not ful-22 years—as long as the youth What of the country? According Would the situation then lead to filled with reasonable speed; of the country could remem- to the Hindusthan Standard, dissolution of Parliament? "Discannot but intensify the frustra-"There is httle to enthuse solution would have significant tion and bitterness now prevail-over the breach, for it cannot repercussions in the States and ing in the country What is now status quo and what have you lead to a polarization of forces more than one Ministry might at stake is not merely the future would seem to have caught most which might have been pro- come toppling down to add to of the Congress, democracy it-

The Times of India's diagnosis

ther and its editor, well-known Prime Minister among the sheet against the Prime Minister stemmed not mainly but wholfor his pungent writings on the younger generation who seek a and the latter's reply to it. The Statesman too thinks that ed and observed that the Delhi "No mo- treated to is "a kind of all in political wrostling with no holds barred." It warns that "the the Working Committee as "un- to record that it made its exit doubtedly a carefully planned unwept, unhonoured and un-NARADA

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Orthographically speaking

ALL awareness, says the Bud- and what will not exist after, ness emerges in a selfhood, not exist at all The mind is thus Thus, for instance, let us take a more mirage-for all its alluipolitical awareness in the form ing waves of thought! Only that of "the pyramid of power" At truly exists which exists all the the base this awareness emerges time-which means, beyond all as "Statchood" and at the apex time. This can only be Pure as "summithood." We have Awareness—the unindividualisseen very recently how this par- cd, the 'i-less' Awareness. ticular form of selfhood-the resistible trap. But all selfhoods, kante theses are ultimately a "mirage'—a opponents of Sankara accused form of "tanha" or thirst that have of being a "Pracchanna cannot be quenched and being Bauddha"—a disguised Bud "Waterless in Rabat" was quite dhist) For if you don't dot your on the menue (especially in view '1" or don't cross your "t"—the of the venue)!

Yet-returning to the Buddha one (1) -the very thought of non-awareness to all of us, spells terror The Buddhist answer to this isopen the way to get over it'

One without a second (Ekam "fourteen sets

dha, is a trap-for all aware- the flicker we call thought does

There is really no conflict be-"summithood" -can prove an ir- tween the Buddhist and the San-(This is why the result is the same at is the unit

Orthography in Sanskiit is the ultimate science ('Aksharam brahma paramam'-The Gita) "Cross out the initial 't' and you. It encloses the whole of indiviwill discover that what is left dual experience - apart from is merely 'error-and this will which there is no process, no samsaara. The first and the last Now Sankara, who came later letters of the Sanskitt alphabet – but probably recalls an earlier a" and "ha", with the terminal tradition, declares that only nasalization which follows ineviawareness that is individualised tably on closing the mouth after -that has the small 'i' in it- uttering the second syllable-which is the trap "So," says the result in the word 'aham' great Advaitin, "don't dot your which means the "ego". This al-What remains is not the let-phabetical mystery is revealed in ter-that enslaves—the equival-the commentary that Naudikesent of the 'ego'-but the figure wara (the author of "The Mirthat liberates the unit one—the 101 of Gesture') wrote on the of syllabic sounds' that emanated from the But is it possible to be "I- hand-drum (damaru) of the Diless in awareness"? The Sanka- vine Dancer - Nataraja - as he rite thesis—unlike the cartesian— played it at the end of his is 'I think, therefore I do not dance This is how a mere danexist". The postulate here is eer like myself has admission that what did not exist before, into this well-guarded secret or



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`rahasya' the 'Chidambara Rahasya"- the speaking orthographically Thus vision one gets from the peep- if I were asked to sum up the hole into the sky through the whole of the Rabat dramatop of the 'Sanctum Sanctorum' from the view-point not of its of the Nataraia temple at Chi performers, but of its critics-I dambaram. It could be either should just have to say, "This the "Soonya" of the Buddha or wooden O"! the "Poorna" of Sankara-for One word by way of post-both are One They are both script. The hermit-crab has the visually represented by the let- prodence to carry its own "Janter "O", which, when vocalised far Mantar" on its back with the requisite change in Nijahngappa, the Congress Preinflection, can express any and sident, has now chosen to do every emotion and take you in- the next best thing -carry his telligibly - and intelligently - own escritorial equipment, exround the world

theatrical sweep. One instance dom. 'Once written twice sly!" should suffice—and this also provides me with the sanction

But it is ultimately of Shakespearcan usage for

YAMINI KRISHNAMURTI

Service charges

A1 this time of the year in the stans on the ground-floor an that makes one think how else's mail-box. A chap in khanice t would be to go out for ki knocks at your door, says he a stroll in the morning, swing- is a telephone hijes-man and ing a walking stick, perhaps also wants to know if your phone humining some time or whistle is working alright. The man ing a little With another sum who comes for the monthly mer and a clammy monsoon put reading of the electricity meter behind, one's fancy turns lightly sounds less officious than he us to thoughts of Divali and be- ually is and even manages to youd that to crispy cold Decem- produce a colourable imitation ber and Christmas. There is a of a smile as he expresses the general feeling of well being hope that you have been havand a greater predisposition to believing that while all may not be well with the world. things are not too bad

year that you find your mail in front of your house, cleaning under the door of your second- away the accumulated deposits floor flat instead of thrown near of months, and he raises a hand

Delhi there is a mp in the landing or put into somebody ing no trouble with the elec-

Then one day you see a It is also at this time of the sweeper raising a lot of dust



"That's our youth wing getting ready for the next demonstration"

needs. Never was so much done may be by so many for so few, if you

to his forchead in salutation streets and banishing darkness surprises. The chowkidar, who wipes the phone clean when he You feel almost pampered that from under the lamp-posts. The is also the land-lord's local re-, has finished with it. He smiles there are so many people to hour produces the bulb or the presentative, comes with a plum- and you know that it means, "I look after your comfort and fluorescent tube as the case ber on a Sunday morning and shall be seeing you again, soon."

know what I mean can feel the tide of goodwill when it would be convenient gin to understand the employ-You look out of the window swell around you. You return for you to have the flat given ment position in the public uti-and find that a team of four is from work one evening and its "annual" white-wash, forget- lity services and realise the engaged on replacing a bulb on notice that the drain which ting conveniently that things man-power required to keep a the street lamp-post and you over-flows in front of your have been "bienmal" for ages single telephone in a more or remember that months ago you house has been desilted. What now less working order or keep the had written to the Corporation is even more remarkable is that about it and the letter had not the stinking slush dug out of the door It is the telephone man even been acknowledged. There it has also been removed and again, this time to check the inis a time for everything and this not just piled up on the sides of strument. He opens it, dabs it takes to deliver a post-card

enquires if any taps need mend-

One day there is a knock at is the season for tidying up the the road. There is no end to with a small brush, and even

It is on the Diwali day or the As Diwali draws nearer you mg He also desires to know day after it that you really beelective light shiring more or less brightly in your home or how many able-bodied men it

Two men, in more or less khaki uniforms come, wish you a happy Diwah and ask for mam", a bit of contradiction in terms because "mam" is supposed to be given spontaneously as a mark of appreciation for services rendered beyond the call of duty and not something which has to be asked for They are from the post office and you give them a jupee which is the minimum unit for such tips these days Some hours later another chap, also from the post-office is at your door "But," you tell him, 'there have already been two before you" He says, deliver the ordinary dak I am the one for registered letters and money-orders.

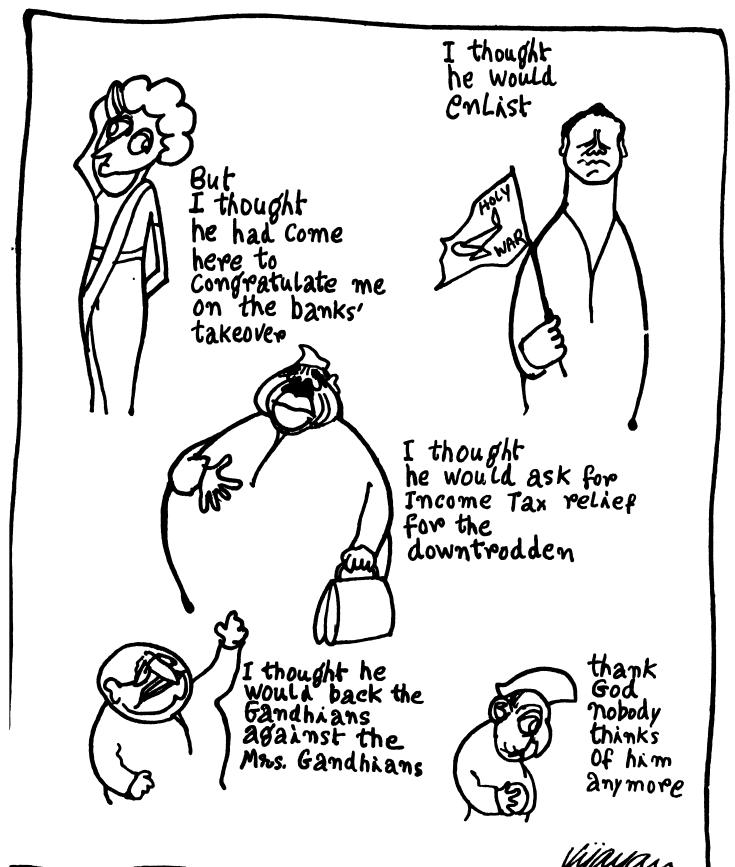
In the evening you are visited by two men who it appears deliver telegrams in that locality You tell them weakly that you never have any telegrams coming to you 'We hope that you won't get any except those which bring good news," one of them says, with a smoothness which would do credit to a dip-lomat You take out your purse and hope in your heart that there are no separate cadr is for ordinary telegrams, express telegrams and the 'greetings' vari-

Then come the sewage chaps, the garbage men, the 'malis' of the so-called municipal park, and hosts of others who apparently serve you unseen from behand the stage, round the year.

Every year some spoil-sports write letters to the Editors complanning of the practice of Diwali mams But the public knows better. Letters can get inexplicably delayed, maybe de-livered at wrong addresses, and telephones may start behaving erratically. One should perhaps regard these things as advance premia for insurance against emergencies and pay with a smile.



HARAL



Face-lift

HRANKLY speaking, I do not by inhaling dust and corrosive up and tied into old bed-sheets, telling the head white-washer like to have my house white- lime washed because it is too much concerned Some may even say night or Vanamahotsava? that the report when it appears, water on the walls and the ceilgrime. After a fortnight or sothe house looks just the same as it did before

White-washing turning the house tospsy-turvy place as it does between Dusan epidemic in all cities, big and small. The idea apparently the same day by sun-set gets a sore-throat in the process beds dragged, clothes jumbled cannot resist the temptation of

I have a feeling that the quaenquiries, this one also would organize other anniversaries like

washing of houses is also a bit comes to us a couple of days beof an eye-wash, for all the fore Dussera to fix a date for good it does to anybody except the job Every tenant would like ready left last week, says he the white-washers and the con-to postpone it as long as he has a headache You know why tractors. A thin coat of lime-can. Most housewives would. Their all-night eard sessions beprefer a Sunday, hoping that gin a month before Dussera and ngs at best covers up only tem- the head of the family will also end five weeks after. Diwah porarily the year's accumulated be at home and of some help. The master of the house, percha week-day if they could help the electric bulbs, breaks one in is hardly them since office work, alleged- cut worth the trouble it causes by ly gruelling, cannot be half as sere and Diwali. For the three dali with instructions to have start trickling in with their

looking and clean-smelling house side of the bed and tempers are the floor even though each one of us traved as boxes are pulled out,

walls (allow for 20% breakage), room to be given a pale lemonof a bother. I do not even like lity of white-washing would be curtains shpped out of their colour and the bed-rooms light the word white-washing, it has much better if this choic was rods, carpets rolled and shoes biscuit and the bathrooms a smister evertones and reminds spread over the whole year, be-thrown into old baskets. Why very light blue. We might as one of dishonest doings. When-cause it would give the white-on earth do we have to collect well save our breath because it (A) I a government department is washers more time to spend over so many things round us? It is is quite well known by now caught out having done some- each house instead of jushing for nothing that our saints and that these people are colour thing seriously wrong and there through the thing on a national ancient philosophers descried blind or pretend to be They is a public huc and cry the basis within the three weeks the vainty of wordly possessions? know only two colours—bright Mulister is forced to institute an now set aside for this exercise. But who heeds their teachings yellow for the kitchen, store enquiry Not very openly but Incidentally, what do the white- these days? How nice it really 100m and stairs and white for the under then breath and by im- washing experts do the rest of would be to live under trees rest of the house They nod and pheation, many would be heard the year? Hibernate? Or just rest as our ancients did or on the say yes to whatever you tell saying that as is usual with such on their laurels, like people who trees as our early ancestors did! them but do as they have been

The boys who, according to deing for years only white-wash the megulari- P & I's courtesy week or Gan- theory, are to be the strength ties and the guilt of the persons dhi's Birthday or Literacy Fort- and the solace of our declining years announce that they have We live in a block of flats and to watch or play a cricket will be a mere eye-wash. White- the white-washing contractor match-and could they have an carly breaklast

The servant, unless he has al The men-folk would want it on ed on a stool trying to remove it, this being more convenient to his hands and is cursing the

By seven thirty you have clearuneasy as white-washing. Any- ed two or three rooms and pil-But one goes through with it way, a date is fixed and on the ed the things - up somewhere because it has acquired the sanc- evening before, the white-wash- and the place looks like a rail tity of a religious ritual, taking ers come and leave a couple of way goods-shed There is no sign pails and brushes in your varan- of the white-washers, but they weeks that separate these two the rooms vacated definitely by 'hookahs' about nine o'clock if festivals, white-washing rages as half past seven next morning you are lucky. The work canso that they can finish the job not start till their head-man comes an hour later Then they is that the Goddess Lakshini. The next morning, very early, commence the operations, mix take many days of scrubbing must be welcomed to a clean-everybody gets up on the wrong ong the lime and splashing it on before the lime stains and the

Most housewives at this stage nally washed away.

pictures taken down from the that they would like the sitting-

After going through the formality of removing the cobwebs and gently brushing the walls, they start daubing the wash in long uneven strokes and sprinkling it on the heavy pieces of furniture which they had assured you would be very sate huddled up in the middle of the room. They tell you they will give two coats to each wall-but they don't, Instead they leave large streaks on wooden window frames and glass panes which they are supposed to wipe clean before leaving but they never do

At the end of an interminable day they make a pretence of wiping the floors with a wet 1ag but leave them in a worse mess On top of it, they expect to be tipped

It is not till very late at night that most of the things have been resettled in their original positions and the place starts looking like a house-but it will dust in your hair have been fi-

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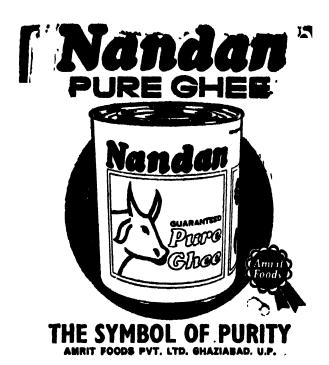
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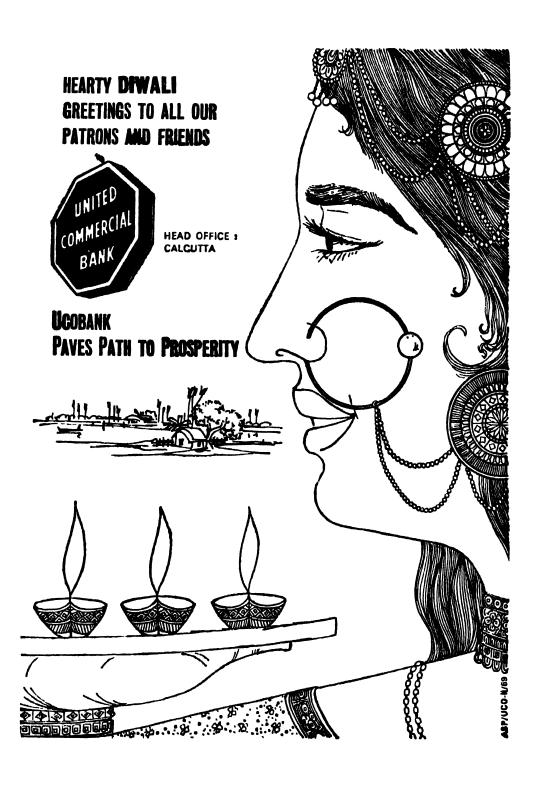
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IN all the excitement of the would even expend valuable ed nations have dealt with right for somebody innocuousnewsful 100 days since mid-foreign exchange in importing their own rivers the Limpopo, ly called Indira to flout the July—what with bank national know-how from the Mississipi the Amazon, the Yangtse A feelings of involved people Isation, national disintegration, Levee Authority

Commission may then be called Ganga or Jamuna, Tapti integrated industrialisation industrious letter-writing but 'need one go on, you know down broad guidelines and White Paper in not more than for that matter? Curb the riviwhat I mean. In all that brou- leave each State to work out two years ha-ha, I repeat, nobody seems its own control plans. The outto have taken due heed of the lay will of course be shared by cate floods from the fair face of pool of experts will be avail-India

withere is widespread suffering. he in a Gazette Extraordinary ched in the raw, since ours is

able for the States

damage to crops, danger to (has anybody heard of ordinal secular nation as demonstrat-townships, loss of cattle, risk nary ones?) Thereafter, a ed at Rabat But can the mal-to human life—as a result of workshop will be set up, pic enable right of the native-born swollen rivers on the rampage, ferably at a suitable hill startivers guaranteed by the sacred that, with the help of modern tion, to discuss details (nobody Constitution be snatched away, river science and hydrology, is supposed to work in these if not trampled upon, by resteps must be taken to regulate workshops). Later, selected pressive legislation? the flow of rivers and control members, with a fair sprintlfloods, that the Government ing of Central experts, will go Again, what happens to the will spare neither pain nor ef- on extended tours-of the coun- sentiments of people whose since Ministers need no longer

brought into existence, with or Narmada, Krishna, Cauvery The idea probably is to lay strict directions to compile a or Codavari-or even Zelum,

So far, so good. But has anygovernment's threat to eradi- the Centre, and the Centre's one paused to think of the implications and repercussions? We need not harp upon the religious susceptibilities of a The genesis of the proposal It is expected that the whole certain majority community seems to be that every year scheme will soon be made pub-worshipping rivers being tou-

ers, indeed! This is nothing but barefaced invasion of privacy, dictatorship in the guise of helping the masses

Also, think of the massive unemployment that will result in the ranks of the painstaking people who do surveys. It was the charting of the low lying areas and the new courses of the Brahmaputra and the Kosi that was the bread and butter of battahons of cartographers year after year Who will look after them once the beds are deepened and the dykes are constructed?

Another disturbing thought fort in putting these ideas into try, to study the problem, near and dear ones are named embark upon aerial inspec-practice on a war footing and abroad, to study how advanc- after the holy invers? Is it all tions of mundated areas ("ap dump all those helicopters then own placards which will be rendered sur-

protest, nor if text book pub- or action?

pearance of a vast lake," to lishers and "Made-Easy" au- Meantime, with enough red coin a phrase), where shall we thors join in the strike with tape to tangle the exercise,

spring the regulated river- words, and then where would under the Polar cap, a second flow surprise on them! It the politicians go who depend Suez or a parallel Panama should be no surprise of they on speches instead of thought

Meantime, with enough red

scheme can be expected to go BOY, the times are changing, But there is a ray of hope into cold storage, if not to a One more class to be affected would be the poor students Nobody seems nowadays to think of their welfare at all these days of personalty cult, into the Sarage, if not to a A powerful anti-control lobby watery grave—the way of other watery grave—the way of other grandiose aqua-projects like to think of their welfare at all these days of personalty cult, into the Saraga, towing Antare they have mugged up all the control may well be the tic icebergs to Australia, a the stuff about river of the wedge landing shuttle tree under the English the stuff about rivers changing thin end of the wedge leading shuttle train under the English their courses, how cruel to to controls on the Niagara of Channel or a submarine ferry

On this happy festival of lights Plan right to make your future bright



The times are changing

No more the goddam education that drove us crazy. No lousy rules. No flunking: Tomorrow is ours The maddest, merriest futurel Education is going to be capital fun from top to bottom Nobody can any more beat the hell out of us

Student participation in academic affairs! It covers help luva lot, from beastly exams to horsing around gals. shall dictate the type of questions that are to be set, and the answers too. In fact, any answer to a question must be acceptable if the student body accepts it The teacher can-not stick to one answer that John signed the Magna Carta m 1215 at Runneymede. the students feel different about it and say that it was at Chandni Chowk or Gretra Green, the profs will have to accept it Otherwise off they go, and we recruit more co-operative chaps as teachers That is real student participation in academic matters!

And the medium of instruc-Whether it is Tulu or Bairangi, the unimaginative profs will be repeating only the same stale stuff—there were three Pampats, water is H2O, and the frog has thirtythree something on its vertebra Let them lecture to justify their being In the exams, we shall see that none fails whatever be the medium. We can extend student participation to valuing the scripts. Failure is a national waste, we shall eliminate this ugly phenome-

No talk about malpractices in exams All practices are different paths to the same goal No student unrest. The student is at liberty to take rest always and still get through the business of studies.

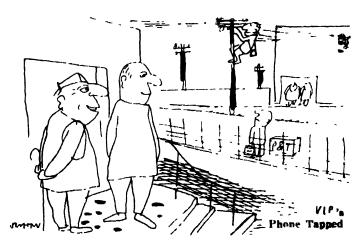
At the university level it is irrelevant to distinguish the student from the teacher. In fact, there are at the moment no distinctions Often we are taken for teachers and deans. The elderly among us can even easily pass for VCs. Joking apart, the distinction between teacher and taught should go.

The Teacher is 'Brahman'. The Student is 'Brahman'. No barriers between identical souls. Supreme Vedanta.

G. S. BALAKRISHNAN



"I'm afraul, I've taken up most of the time, so I shall not be able to listen to your speeches



"I'm all for having my phone tapped since they see to it that faults are promptly set right."



"We had beauticians cren before you evolved."

Divali Dance

MUCH against my will and to my very great annoyance, I was given the Divah fueworks fication in the papers to that purchase mission by the lady of effect A police notification my house

"I don't like this at all, Pre-ma," I protested, feebly. has bought a basketful of atom-bombs."

'But I do," she resounded like a Burmese gong

"It's just sending good money up in smoke'

"It's joy Divali joy"

"Besides, I expect young Tinny to have grown out of fireworks He's no longer a very small boy

"No one ever grows out of fneworks

"Consider me"

"You love fireworks Only you want to enjoy them at other people's cost Take down the list

"Co ahead," I knuckled ed under, licking my pencil

"Two dozen!"

"You just write down'

"Done"

"Sparklers, six boxes, giant

"Good God! I say, Piema

"Don't waste my time"

"H'm "

ets

"II'm"

"Three dozen cathermewheels, four dozen squibs, six rockets, six boxes of snake-pills."

'We re heading for bankruptcy, Piema.'

anaais."

"H'm "

Six boxes of medium-sized firecrackers, six of giant size, and six atom- bombs

"Atom-bombs" I gasped, breaking off and swallowing the point of my pencil

"Atom-bombs Six," chimed Prema.

"But you can't buy atom-bombs, woman," I roared

"Why not?"

"The atom-bomb firecrackers are banned. It is illegal to sell or buy them'

"Who says so?"

"I am told there was a noti-

Nonsense Tikkoo's father

"Tikkoo's father—is a lawless thug

He's going to show us some very exciting frieworks this year"

"The pyromamac He's going to show us some very exciting fireworks, is her Well, I'll be blowed if I let him do that'

"How will you do that?"

'I'll report the miscreant to the police, yes, I will He's bought atom-bombs, has he? Well, he has defied the police notification, and I'll see that his illieit buy is confiscated and he's arrested and tried and punish-

"You will do nothing of the "Bengal lights, two dozen kind, Tinny's father said crisply

"Why not?" I blared

"You can't report a neighbout to the police?

'I can"

'It simply isn't done Besides, I don't think the atombbomb's been banned

"It has been. There's no doubt about it. It's a dangerous type of fireeracker. It caused many acci-"Magnesium wires, six pack- dents last year, some of them fatal And its explosions make your life a nightmare. The real atom-bomb will mercifully iclease the world from its countless tortures by blowing the whole of it up, this mock atom bomb is one long torture Tikkoo and his hell-hound father let off the atom-bomb every "Six electric anaars, six giant half hour the whole of the last Divali festival, and rumed my car-drinns, and made me jump wherever I happened to be, and sent my sleep to the limbo, and reduced me to a tangle of frayed nerves. I don't want a repetition of that inferno this time Absolutely not I'll go buy the fireworks all right, but the atombomb's out I am an honest, god-fearing, law abiding, taxpaying citizen of the biggest socialist welfare state in the world and I am bent on obeying the police notification to its letter And Ill report that rascal to the police on my way."

'I forbid you to do anything

of the sort," Prema yelled

"Who are you to forbid me to do anything?" I yelled back "I'll do whatever I like" And I dashed out of the house with police? a flourish of defiance

"The cloth-bag!" Prema shouted out.

I went back, seized the clothbag from Prema, and marched down the street

"Timpy's father!" croaked young Tikkoo from his doorstep.

"Grrr!" I grunted

I let it off?"

"You'll get into the house and

swallow all the atom-bombs wil you you've got, you and your father, before I call in the police"

"Are you going to call in the

"I am"

"Why?"

"To report your father for having bought the banned atombombs You and your father and the shop-keeper who sold the firecrackers to you will all be arrested and tried and jailed and hanged '

Golly, won't that be excit-"Look! An atom-bomb! Shall ing! Are you afraid of the atomwmb, Tinny's father?"

"You just keep your trap shut,

Yes, you are. You are afraid of the atom-bomb'

"Stop gabbling, you fiend."

"Are you going to the policestation now?

"I am "

"But the police-inspector is Father's close friend He'll just laugh at you. He may even lock go to the police-station, Tinny's went on father. Get back into your house You see there's an escaped bull death

"Liel"

"Truth, Tinny's father. He's killed two dogs. His owner and two other men are after him with a stout rope, but he goes on slipping them. He'll attack you because that bag of yours is a red, and he'll horn you up, and then he'll trample upon you, and then you'll be a sight to see! Go home, man, before it is too latel"

"You stinking little bit of garbage!" I hissed, and made for you up on some pretext. Don't the delinquent. He vanished. I

I walked a few yards. Then a leaping about He'll gore you to shuffling noise made me stop and turn My sainted aunt! Three feet from me lay on the asphalt an atom-bomb, and that arch-fiend Tikkoo was about to touch it with a live sparkler! The next instant I had aboutturned and bounded forward, my hands to my ears, to put as much distance as possible be-tween me and the bomb And then suddenly, automatically, I stopped in mid career and stood congealed, a great whirring in my cars Not more than ten feet from me was a full-grown bull, several hundred pounds of murderous fury, charging at mel My number was up! A few seconds, and I'd be a mess on the asphaltl

> And then came that explosion from behind me, the most deafening I've ever heard I took a standing high-jump. The charging bull went limp in mid air and dropped, immediately to be lassoed into captivity by a giant of a man and his mates who materialized on the spot

I regained my normal self. I saw the bull being led away by his captors. I turned round-to see young Tikkoo leering at me. His atom-bomb had saved my life I went up to him and patted his tousled head. "Thank you, little man," I chortled lovingly. "We'll talk no more about the police I'll go buy some atom-bombs myself. Wonderful the man and the statement of t derful things. And what would you like to have for a present?"

"Half a dozen atom-bombs, Tinny's father," said the boy, his eyes all afire.

"You'll get them, boy."

And they say I danced my way to the bazar and back.

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Darkness at noon



A high-power committee will go into the working of the Community Development programme

She pays court

"HULLO" said M holding the receiver " said Mrinal a trumpet"

Pritt from the other end "Are I thought you going for that party tonight?"

"Whose party?"

"Haven't you got an invitation for Tarun's

"Oh, that baby He is celebrating his birthday! Is it the tenth or twelth . .

"Now now, twentyfirst my

kid? Inviting everyone and MA to look for a nice boy then cutting the cake and everybody clapping. I mean he ness management course and say, "Are you not contentually have a party but he What have women got to do ted now that she has fulfilled needn't announce to the world with business? Now see for your dicam about g rls becommend to bring a present fool and that Arvind a and fending for themselves? I And then he compares who daddy has brought what U. h! "Not What a mean fellow"

"You are being highly critical," Priti remarked.

as well! If he called me I to send her to Delhi for this

"He is a boaster I agree Mimal," called However, he rang up thrice so things. A good firm, sound

> "May be, he is going sweet on you Best of luck" Mrinal husband too or what?" rephed

While the telephone conversa tion was going on, my 'madame was giving me meaningful glances

Minal ian inside to get ready to go to the railway station to book a beith

"Oh, coming of age is he, the ing you when she passed her But 'madame' worried over her You wanted her to do a busi-

"Not daddy but dandy," I cut

"All right, dundy then! What I mean, is she finds faults with "I can't suffer fools And just everyone. And now you want would have taken a whistle or job Why must she go so far

away if she must work?"

"You don't know about these pay, allowances . all found "

"All found ? They find a

Soon Munal left She found accommodation in a new hostel for working gals where she shared a room with Susic Brown, a colleague of hers

Mrmal was happy and I was very proud After six months her pay scale was revised and she was dreaming of taking a "Did you hear? I was tell- that I felt on top of the world daughter living all by herself and would continuously mag me and say, "Are you not contenam going to tell her to resign and come home Enough of thus!

> "Now, now! Just when she is settling

> "Settling? Is that what you call settling down?"

her ideas are. She is grown up We can't force her

It's you who let her grow up as she pleases and as it pleases your vanity. If I had put my foot down things wouldn't have come to such a pass Now it's difficult You better enquire about that Rao boy His father is well to do, they own a house at Bangalore and some landed

'Is she going to marry the house and land and the father The worthy son carns or than Mimal, do you less know ?"

"That's your fault giving her training for a fat job Girls should be teachers at the most if they must earn, in toddlers' schools where the pay is also small Well, I have heard of one Sudhir Joshi And, what about Madhusudan Malse. He has come from America He is in Delhi at present with his father who is somebody big in the bank But you are so blind and deaf where eligible boys are concerned

On the eve of my trip to "Not quite I will see what Dellu, she reminded me again and again to 'look round' and 'fix things

Munal told me about her work, her wonderful but strict boss, and her friends. She was so enthusiastic about everything and rattled on She talked about the various parties she had she spoke about her new friend Nina Asram and the party she gave where she nut one Sudhir Joshi

"I think your mother knows him," I remarked casually "What is he like?"

Enterprise of its kind

"He giggles too much think in that government job division where he works he must have come across pot-bellied politicians and bald bureaucrats. That's why he has developed this habit

I was non-plussed She was probably speaking the truth

Still I said, "He is a sound boy otherwise, good, educated Your mother thinks he is well placed

'Oh, Ma always thinks of boys in terms of prospective grooms for me

"Maybe, so what" She was also M A She had secured first division So she didn't find him extraordinarily brilliant

The next day we were dming out After her favourite 'Nargis' kofta and casata ice-cream she got into a chatty mood.

You know, Pa, what I did the other day? Well, Susie and I hit on a brilliant idea after reading an article in a women's magzine 1 had read

"She says he is M.Sc. first that the girls ara taking the place of boys everywhere. The universities are full of them. Many prize jobs are filled by girls. There are girl executives in business too The writer concluded that soon girls will be doing the courting, choosing their partners in life as well as business They will make So I got a major decisions brain wave I rang up Madan.'

"Who is Madan?"

"He is an intern at the medical college.

"I asked him to pictures".

"What? You asked him . . "

"Why not, Pa . . Why should we be always entertained? I mean we girls are earning too. Why shouldn't we entertain?"

"I see!"

"And when I asked him why he was not ready he said ho was painting his shirt

"Painting his shirt?"

"Yes, he is taking lessons in 'batik' I was furious, especially as I was on the dot"

"I don't know when these young men will learn to be ready on time?

"Susic refuses to take out any boy who is not punctual She says after all we work the whole day And, Pa, we met a Malse boy at the club Rather queer

"Which Malse?"

"Why, you know him?"

"No, heard of him He was in the States'

"Yes, I thought that's why he was rather stuck-up But

"But?" I asked with curiosity.

'He rang up asking me to go and see an art exhibition with him After all I don't know him that much So I am going to take it coolly

"Did you go?"

"Yes, but he seems rather possessive And of course I must try him out. So I am going to take him out in my new car. Isn't she a beauty, Pa? I must show him that though I haven't been to the States I can also possess a cute limousine."

VIJAYA NARAVANE





Statuettes of gold

WHAT a Festival of Light Diwah to get answers for ques- shim for the birth of a male for mel" mused Motilal, the tions put today?" jeweller His family and friends had gathered in the shop to wish him a very prosperous tongue? Diwali.

The showroom was scintillat- hen on this Diwah? ing with rows and rows of coloured lights splashing rambow hues on diamond necklaces, pearl strings, ruby earnings, emerald rings and sapphire bracelets The blazing showcases "When are you going to ke turned the Diwali night into a you promise to the goddess?" sunkissed day.

room Rich garlands decked the think' mun gate and the doors Their ' overpowering fragrance of 10ses, jasmines and likes suffocated the ed visitors From outside came the deafening din of exploding crac- hfty-one statuettes of Goddess kers to celebrate the Festival of Lakshmi made out of purest Light

But Motilal was not happy His mind raced in encles. He that fifty-one statuettes of gold saw his fat, short, be-jewelled would cat away a huge chunk few weeks the statuettes were wife nuising their infant on a from my hard earned money?" sofa To prevent the evil-eye he had ever married this near-chief ugly woman. Then he remenibered that her father owned over seventy big buildings

tubies seinfillated from the row life length coat He could not pay men, one after the other

gramaphone. Give rest to your the goddess's image, each nine

"Yes," was the curt reply

"Isn't my little darling Laksh- ed into a necklace for the deity's midas handsome?" cooed the nock woman.

"Very"

"When are you going to keep

"Woman, stop jabbering Why Earthenware oil lamps flicker- can't you give some rest to your ed on the floor all nound the overworked tongue? Let 'me

The child started screaming "What a Diwali" she whimper-

"Is it sensible to throw away. pay for them? Don't you know

"Do you know what would she had covered the child's head happen if you go back on your with a fold of her gorgeous gold solemn vow?" she asked wiping brocade sarr He wondered why her tears with a green handker-

"Yes "

Outside the house salvos of "This brat would be my rum," like bombs. Again the child be in search of barren women? he muttered scratching his bald gan to scream. The infant's Surely, the goddess wanted to head. He had costly diamond screams brought back to his rum him And if he found them, rings on his fingers and mind the long years of married would they be able to give a of gold buttons on his knee- for marrying three barren woattention to his wife She was remembered his first wife died that the poor could take advanjabbering away nineteen to the of sorrow the second, he be heved, died of his relatives' ve-"What's wrong?" she shricked noined curses. He remembered tight to beget children "You don't even care to answer this his third wife's prayers. A friendly newspaper Have I to wait for next night and day to Goddess Lak- came to his help He printed

child And her vow-fifty-one "Don't worry me Stop your statuettes of purest gold bearing mehes high, were to be given "Aren't you happy to have an away to 51 barren women in exchange for a gold mohar each The gold mohars should be turn-

His happiness at the birth of a male child had long melted away He hated hunself for promising his wife that he would fulfil her yow. He wanted a son without any frills attached to it. The goddess meant to rum him Her help resembled the help to India by foreign powers to help themselves. It was a new type of business deal in which there was no profit but utter loss. That went against his grain

His wife goaded him on She gold? Is your father going to nagged him hour after hour till he was sick to death. At last he decided to humour her. In a

> "Why have you made fifty-two statuettes?", she asked 'Are you giving me one as a gift for giving birth to a male child?

"The extra one is for the Goddess "

The jeweller's troubles began high-powered crackers exploded to multiply. Had he time to go the taunts of his relatives gold mohar in this hard relentless times? Could the statuettes He be nationalised like banks so tage of this offer? Then he remembered that the poor had no

> A friendly newspaper reporter the story in his paper with photographs of the mother and the child The report did not bring the barren women to the shop, but hordes of men, women and children poured in from morning to night to see the statuettes and to ask numberless questions Motilal's business came to a standstill. This was not enough A few rings, cuff-links, carrings, buttons and pms mysteriously disappeared from the show-cases

Motilal's friend again came to his help. He sent reports to small-town papers and weekhes roses, golden champaks, and about the story of the fifty-one snow-white magnolias. Children statuettes

companied by his faithful, hefty

servant left for Faldroopnagar by the midnight train.

Before sunrise, outside the station the servant spread a rich carpet under the shade of a jambour tree A gold statuette was placed on the carpet, garlanded with ioses. The jeweller sat behard it cross-legged waiting for barren women His servant guarded the trunk containing the fifty-one red velvet cases containing the statuettes news spread like wild fire. The sun started melting the jewellers fat The roses withered The pure gold shone with an unearthly light, but no barren woman came.

The lean stringy stationmaster, who had been a boy scout in his school days remembered his

daily dose of one good deed.

He approached the jeweller and said, 'Bhai, you're wasting your time for there are no barten women in this small town '

'Are you sure^y' Of course, I'm," smiled the station-master "What we need in this township is a few dozen planning clinics" laughed foully at his own joke Go to the town of Vazm-a town of barren women, a hundred miles from here

Are you sine?"

"Of course, I'm," he replied

"Vazni, you said?"

Yes, Vazan means a town of barren women. I was there for some years. Seventy per cent of people there adopt children from neighbouring villages

But why?

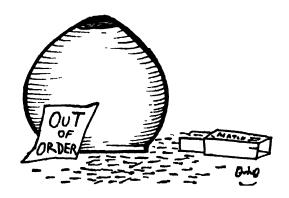
The legend says that the presiding deity cursed the fertility of women because she was not properly worshipped

"Aren't you sending me on a wird goose chase?"

"Believe it or not, it is time" The stationmaster ran to the office of "Ram Ray" and its reporter sent an urgent message to his paper that the jeweller would reach the town the next

The jeweller got down on the wayside station. But what a surprise! The small platform was crowded with milling humainty Photographers clicked then cameras as the jeweller stood bewildered on the plat-form. Women smothered him with garlands till the garlands blocked his vision The station was suffused with fragrance of caught his dhoti, women touch-One night, the jeweller ac-ed his feet, men cuddled him

In a procession he was led



politician He told his story in Let's make sure." a halting way

out of the station. The women thundered, "O Harun Al Rashid cobbler, others didn't. eat hurry to see the who gives away statuettes of The jeweller was panic-stric. The huge Harijan woman They moved to gold for a meagre gold mohar, ken His heart began to pound went near him and asked, "Are were in a great hurry to see the who gives away statuettes of

The statuette was put on the thousand bees around him. He

"How do we know that these live in a socialist pattern of socind him Cameras cheked. statuettes are made of pure ety. The people expected a speech gold? Are we suckers? Let's " The people expected a speech gold? Are we suckers? Let's "Do you share those juicy wished the jewelle from him but Motils! was not a first get the village goldsmith, joints with us," rapped out a tall down on the carpet.

A woman ran to get the gold-

like a steam pump. He saw you a barren woman? Have you

Haryan woman

The butcher returned to the

gold, I'll take a few."

People tittered. The noise The butcher came forward subsided as Gopichand the gold-Ilis green lungs was adorned smith came towards them. He tor divested himself of a few. The cobler seeing that his with gristle and skin. He spat was waddling like a lame duck, dozen garlands. He sat cross- words had made a deep impres- out, "Let the jeweller share the The ends of his white moustache legged behind the statuette. The sion on the people continued, statuettes with all of us. We hung limply. Silver-framed glasses rode precariously on the bridge of his flattened nose. He wished the jeweller and sat

He took out from his right pocket a touchstone and from The village cobbler, a roudy, smith Some agreed with the attack. If the statuettes are of his left a phial of acid. He rubbed the statuette on the stone, looked at the lines, and applied acid The crowd stood spellbound He looked up at the jeweller, smiled, and informed the people, 'Purest gold."

Then started a rare clamour for statuettes The trunk was thrown open. red velvet cases hypnotised the crowd. The cameras clicked.

The jeweller asked the first woman, "Sister, are you a barren woman?"

"Yes, sethu"

He gave her one statuette and received a gold mohar in return.

Some one shouted, "Is the gold mohar genume? Call the goldsmith'

People tittered

Then a hundred pairs of arms vied with one another to get statuettes Thin hands, fat hands, shrivelled hands, and even men's hairy hands were clawing to get a statuette The jeweller saw this medley of hands He asked the servant to give a statuette each and he pocketted the gold mohars

The trunk was empty in a few minutes

A thin man asked for the fiftysecond statuette which was on the carpet for his sick wife who could not come.

"He's a widower," some one shouted

"Bhaı, the fifty-second statuette is for the goddess"

They entered the station, bought two third class tickets. and got into the first train that caine. At the next half they got down and were soon out of the station

The jeweller smiled a knowing smile. His profit was concrete, the Goddess's gift was abstract. The fifty-one statuettes were duds.

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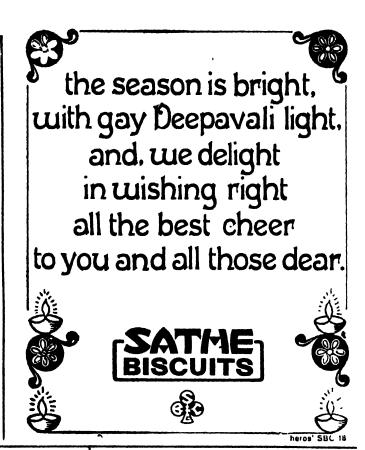
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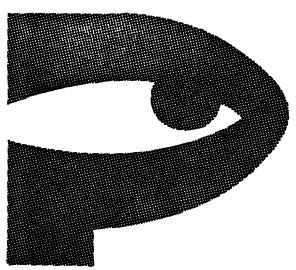
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FILMS-

"Pyar Ka Sapna"

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sible for fine films like "Anuranot before all the commercial dha," "Mem Didi" and "Anugumincks have been exhausted pama" He too seems to have fallen a prey to commercialism

Bharatuja Nari with all the le- Geneva and Paris husband Biswajit without the appear villamous (perhaps the Marriage being a sanctified in- but this, of course, isn't evenstitution in our society, divorce tually so-our film-makers are is out Mala Sinha is willing to not that hold yet face her fate stoically but her m-laws would not let her have her way The circumstances get least should have, improved upso distressing that even her de- on the very Bombayish sets termination flags and she deci- which are supposed to represent des to commit suicide. As desti- London's pubs and hotels and ny, or rather as Hindi films the lewd depiction of high-sociwould have it, of all the ways etv life open to her she chooses to be run over by Ashok Kumar's car Footprints on the Moon-Apol-But Ashok Kumar, being Ashok Kumar, has a heart of gold. Besides adopting her, he undertakes to make her modern-since pollo 11 is a 90-minute docuat this stage we are asked to be-mentary covering the space heve that Biswaject descried odyssey of astronauts. Neil A Mala Sinha not because of his Armstrong, Michael Collins and obstinacy but because of her Edwin Aldrin from the tensedlack of sophistication. The lesson up weeks before the blast-off Ashok Kumar sets out to teach through the clambering down the errant hero is-at least as we on the moon's surface to the perceive it in the initial stages- splashdown in the Pacific Ocean

the appreciation of the traditional virtues of Indian womanhood, WHAT is particularly distress- but since he falls for Mala Sining about "Pyar Ka Sapna" ha, the sophisticated and westis that the credits carry the emised woman, we never quite name of Hrishikesh Mukher-know what is being aimed at pi the director who was respon-All, of course, ends well but

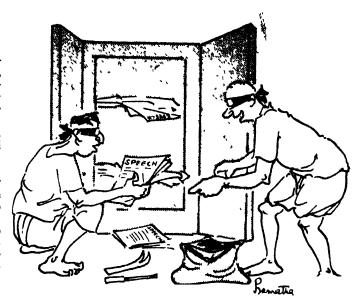
The basic plot provides for London locales but it takes an Mala Sinha is the traditional incredible twist to take us to Moreover, gendary virtues intact. She is this twist in the plot attempts to deserted—as is common in our introduce an element of susfilms - on the Suhaag Raat by pense and makes Ashok Kumar consummation of the marriage, influence of "Rosemary's Baby")

The film could have, or at

'Footprints on the Moon-Ap-



Biswajeet, Mala Sinha



"Let us take them They'll be handy when we become Ministers

with Jules Verne's 100 years old backdrop, etc. predictions of man's first flight to the moon emphasizing then uncanny accuraey

The events culminating in the blast-off at Cape Kennedy are interestingly related world-wide interest in the Apollo 11 mission is highlighted by projecting the swarm of special correspondents assembled from all over the world to cover the event, the gathering of millions of people armed with binoculars and telescopes at the launching site and the live TV coverage extending to all the nations linked by communication satellites The brisk narrative is supplemented by a lively commentary narrated appropriately by Wernher von Braun, one of the pioneering promoters of space travel

The pace slackens after the initial half hour and the narrative becomes tedious Collins' exploits in the gravity-free spaceship are carried on a bit too long and even the cross-cutting to the Control Room (which is too obviously coerced) does not footages filmed during the help to avert the tedium Intermittent relief is, however, provided by some visually delightful shots-the view of the earth from the spacecraft, the gradual approach to the moon, the 'earthrise', the gradual approach of the command module with the bition on TV

It compares the Apollo flight moon's surface providing the

The film is significant only as a pictorial record of the historical flight Its highlights are the



"Footprints"

flight and during the astronauts' two hours and 20 minutes stay on the moon Although the film provides us a rare opportunity to witness these pioneer ventu-res it does not, however, wairant a commercial release. The film is most suitable for exhi-

Indira, get your gun!

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S.n. Anything you can do I can do better, I can do anything better than youl

Hr. No, you can't!

Sin Yes I can!

Hr. No, you can't!

Sin Yes, I can! Yes, I can! Yes, I can! Yes, I can!

Hi I can make the selection

For the Presidential election

SIII You can make the selection

For the Presidential election 🐚

But can you repudiate your man?

He Madam, I can'tl

Sin Well sii, I can! For anything you can do I can do better! I can do anything better than you!

Hi I can write a letter A long and lengthy letter!

Sin I can write a letter

Fai lengther and better.

And can you write at midmight, man?

Hr Madam, I can'tl

Sin Well sir, I can! For anything you can do I can do better. I can do anything better than you!

Hr. I can supe most gaily

And greet the Press daily!

SHE I too can snipe gaily.

And meet the Press daily.

But can you use the AIR?

Hi. Madam, I can't!

Sin., Well, I'm one up there! For anything you can do I can do better I can do anything better than you!

HE I can give the kick out

To people I can pick out

Sir Well, I can give the kick out

To Ministers I can pick out

And can you boycott the Meet (CWC)?

IIL Madam, I can'tl

Siii Well, I can, as you see! For anything you can do I can do better I can do anything better than you!

Hi lm in a position

To squash any requisition

Sin. Squash the requisition — Yet I'm in the position

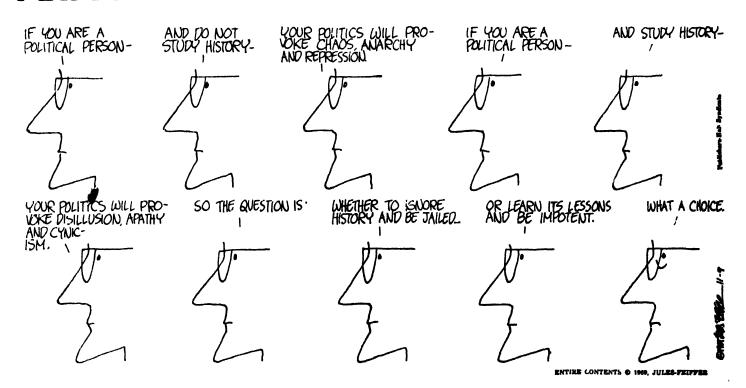
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Hr. Madam, you can't!

Sin Just you wait and see, For anything you can do I can do better I can do anything better than you!

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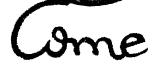
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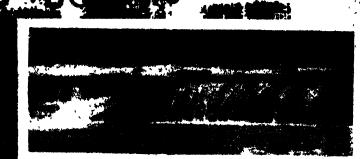
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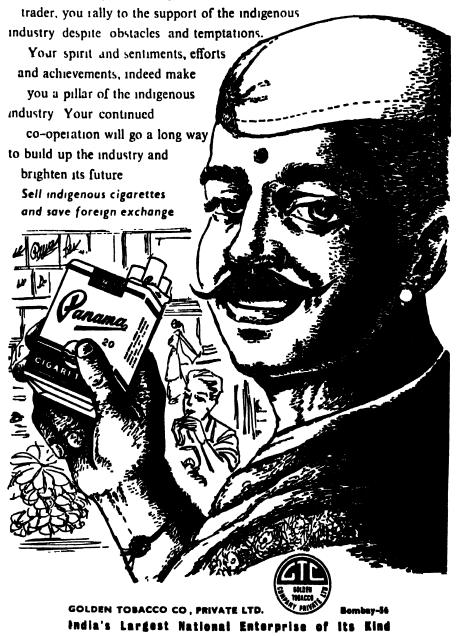


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FREE THINKING

THE Congress Party may yet use like the Phoenix from its ashes but at the moment an obit seems in order. The Indian National Congress was born in 1885, the offspring of a marriage of convenience between British liberalism and Indian nationalism During its childhood it did not give much promise of its future. To all appearances it seemed set on becoming an obsequious and priggish youth. But somewhere around the early years of the century, it developed tendencies that alarmed one of its parents and delighted the other grew into jobust manhood and had many exploits to its credit But with the onset of middle age, its revolutionary arteries became hardened and its appetite for progress became dulled. It developed certain other queer symptoms that seemed to indicate a declining capacity for coordinated action. Towards the end it developed a death wish in an uncontrollably ferocious form Its several limbs started fighting each other, and after one final bout of mutual clawing it expired suddenly. It was eighty-four

All this may sound somewhat hysterical but even those who may look forward to a much clearer politics now that the sheep (black) have been separated from the goats, cannot fail to feel shattered by the level to which intra-party brawling had descended in recent weeks. The Congress President expelling the Prime Minister is but the climax of a whole series of unseemly wrangling that has gone on for far too long. That the Indian National Congress should have provided this low comedy will sadden the hearts of many who have memories to cherish of this great institution.

Perhaps this is a necessary catharsis. It was a good thing too, perhaps, that the efforts, well-meaning or desperate, made to forge a phoney kind of unity by some kind of horse-trading on expulsions and elections, have failed. Of course, it would have been a good thing, if the party had taken Gandhiji's advice and died long ago. Failing that it would have been a good thing if the break had taken place, say, when Mrs. Gandhi was surprised by the Syndicate at Bangalore with Mr. Reddy's candidature for the Presidency. The party would then have been spared all the indignities it has suffered these last few months, and many reputations would have remained unsulhed. But to have expected that persons who had said things they have about each other could still kiss and make up and lead the party unitedly towards a shared vision of the future was totally infantile. It is just as well that such a hope was scotched.

For all the rumblings that will still be heard, it is plain enough that Mrs. Gandhi has now the opportunity to lead the Gongress and the country towards the goals she has presumably set for herself and them. For the first time, Mrs. Gandhi has no alibis for failure. It is a thought that must be at once exhilarating and sobering.

The Man of the Week



PLEASE TURN OVER FOR PEN PORTRAIT

An Elitist View of the Crisis

The Man of the Week

R UNNING to seed, and eyes ringed with black pouchy flesh, the result of sleepless nights and anxiety. the Congressman-the 'janata and not the neta varietyis a befuddled and pathetic creature today. He was not always like this, and honefully, he may not be like this when the debris and the fallout are cleared His earliest political memories are contemptuous ones about 'the turbaned petitioners to the Ray' He grew into the lank, half-hungry, bedraggled idealist that became a drop-out from "British"-nun schools, uas in and out of gaols, and in between, tried hard to figure out what his leaders were saying Yes, he has had this problem before, for even then his leaders spoke sometimes in different voices But one certifude he had, or rather two the British must be driven out, and his leaders. despite all their differences, uere honest men It is the loss of this faith that has broken him today

Came Independence and age and the main middle chance Some of his friends among the 'janata' Congress-men scized it and became 'netas' themselves But he lumself remained where he uas Sometimes he got his 'ticket' and even uon an election perhaps made a little money But in the main he was a derelict unless he was a hanger on And he was puzzled why many things that were respected became objects of derision And how was it that many people he used to despise as the stooges of the British rulers became important Congressmen? And why has the Congress lost the respect of those he respected?

And when, more recently, his leaders started squabblme among themselves in pubhe he could not perceue the rights and wrongs of it. The politics he had learnt the hard way **under Gandlan** was rudimentary and the syllabus did not melude 'realpolitik And so when the sparks flew mount him, he was a beuildered man whom, though he did not know it, his leaders had betrayed

taking a leaf from All India Racho after Inder Kumar Gujral had taken it under his wing freedom of expression The participants are Fundamental Shastri, Constitutional Pandit, Political Professor and Statistical Sen Professor opens the discussion and acts as modera-Nor)

Professor This evening's subject is a very fascinating one As I said in my latest book, Crisis or Constipution, the issue simply is whether this is an clitist crisis or one with moorings in the grass roots Secondly how does it affect the power structure, will it make it more static or bring dynamism to it? What do you think, SS?

S Sen As far as I can say off hand there have been thirty seven instances in the past of parties disowning their leaders. In Nicaragua, however, the leader disowned the party

Fundamental Shastri If I may interrupt SS, there is a saying in our language that it is immaterial whether the leaf falls on the thorn or the thorn on the leaf-ha ha!

(Simulated laughter all round) Constitutional Pandit question really is what are the implications of the Working Committee's action When I was in Harvard recently there was a discussion on the viability of written constitutions In our country, we have three of them -the one which is amended by Parliament in every session, another belonging to the Congress and the third to the Congress Parliamentary Party Now, what happens if the wrong constitution is quoted on the right occasion? It is like having three bally telephones on your table. When there is a ring, you are likely to pick up the wiong receiver

Prof That's a running sequence I must note it down for my next book

Sen. As I was saying, twelve Parties out of every 100 party leaders For instance, in Czechoslovakia, symmetry the Swatantra and item published -Ed., S.W.

about it How many people bother whether Lindsay is Mayor or not? But here, can we Indira Gandhi?

Pandit The analogy does not hold good in the case of Czechoslovakia. It was the people who ousted Dubcek

Prof Now let us go back to What do the Congress crisis you think of it, SS?

attributes of a party split
Pandit No. SS I would put

Shastri Fundamentally, it is mult in our system. When built in our system. vou allow divergence of opinion in the name of democracy you cannot avoid party splits Believe it or not, because Rajeshwara Rao and Basavapunniah could not agree on a recipe for Krishna district pickles, the ctionary Communist movement had to split Democratic centralism is the answer

Prof Politically, what will be the repercussions?

Shastri The most important will be that businessmen have to contribute twice now for party funds Who knows who will come on top ultimately? So to ensure their position in the future socialist society they would have to pay both the groups Secondly there will be greater employment for "volunteers" And the rates of payment may also appreciate

In Parliament, hitherto if Raj Narain was attacking Mis Gandhi personally, C D. Pande and others would be silent spectators Now they will cheer hum Similarly, Krishna Kant and others will pat the Opposition MPs on the back when they attack the Syndicate Babubhai Chinai will not invite the other group to his house

(A Li All India Radio we Dubcek has been removed as Jana Sangh parties also should held a discussion on the ex- Party Secretary Did he in turn formally split. Then we will pulsion of the Prime Minister throw out the Premier Cernik? have the spectacle of an Indira, by the majority faction in the Or, for that matter, what hap- Gandhi supporter being attack-Working Committee Again, pened to Mayor Lindsay in ed by a Masani disciple and taking a leaf from All India New York?

defended by a Vajpayee parti-Prof As I was saving, if it san Further on, a Joshi-ite SSP is an essentially elitist pheno- man will come down on the we allowed the panelists full menon there is no excitement Syndicate, to be, in turn, torn to pieces by a Madhok man.

Prof Would you like to say. something on the menu at Mrs. imagine the Congress without Gandhi's lunch for Nijalingappa? What will future historians say of it, in relation to the crisis?

Fundamentally, 1 Shastri think it was on the side of lavishness If the Congress President had to do justice to such a meal he would have felt the Sen. I think it has all the need for a nap. And he would have been caught napping.

Pandit Kamaraj has no such it this way. It is a parting of fears He would have slept there itself and woken up in time for dinner

> Sen: That's why I call him a Revanchist He was not one three years ago when he visited the Soviet Union, East Germany and other places and opposed devaluation of the rupee. C. Subramaniam was then a rea-

Prof. Now, I think it is time to sum up. We are all agreed that it is a crisis in the Congress and its repercussions will be felt on the power structure. The crisis by its very nature is elitist but will not, for that reason, escape populist tendencics

G S.

-Odd Signs--

On Rego Bridge, Amritsar: Foot-path for Pedestrians unsafe

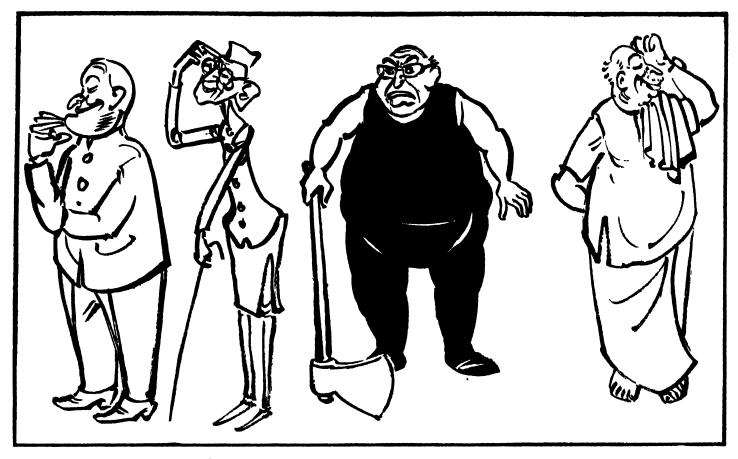
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Note Items for 'Odd Signs' Prof Now, we will have two should be factual and not inhave been thrown out But it is Congress parties. Already there vented and should as far as esentially an internal party are two Socialist and Commu- possible he in facsimile Senders affair about which the outside nist parties. Akalis also have will receive two consecutive world should not get excited two wings. In the interest of issues of the Weekly for every



The Syndicate has followed up the expulsion of three members from the Congress Working Committee with the removal of the Prime Minister herself from primary membership of the party

Report on the Polarisation

Place, New Delhi, observed sus- and were not interested in ac picious troop movements near quiring bungalows (the equithe frontier wall separating valent of bases) any more Nor demurely. A spokesman said numbers 16 and 17 Windsor would they do anything to that 15, Windsor Place preferr-Place. The last-mentioned num- make it difficult for the belli- ed to stay nonaligned. It would ber is the bungalow occupied generits to come together. by Left Communist MP, Anandan Nambiar. It is, in other words, Marxist-held territory.

biar might have made a tactial Fakhruddın Ahmed, were concentrated

WAR correspondent re- The super powers were interest- enthusiasm and so on porting from 15 Windsor ed in peace in the subcontinent

One of the super powers, in the interests of peace Shripad Amrit Dange, however, spoke in a different voice He promised massive alms aid to Later, Intelligence sources the Prime Minister's armed ed at a certain bus queue m admitted that Anandan Nam- forces led by Dinesh Singh entry into No 15, where the Jagjivan (downtrodden) Ram, maintained that it was not an Prime Minister's crack divisions and garrison commander Kri- outburst of sympathy for the the governing board) the policeshna Kant and others Bhupesh Gupta promised to intervene were standing queued up and meant by a vertical split in the Meanwhile CPM sources in Cupta promised to intervene with whatever force he could The Prime Minister's camp said split on the basis of ideology Calcutta said that the super muster. Dange promised to that the queue had broken up And what were the ideological powers (meaning the CPI and walk out of the Congress Each citizen was contributing differences? These were many the CPM) were not interested Working Committee join the to the mass enthusiasm, free fested primarily in the age of

15, Windosi Place answered co-castence, which meant it would outmanocuvre the enemy

Mass enthusiasm was report-Gujral, this evening The Syndicate results from the breakdown of the status quo represented by the queue

A traffic policeman who was present at the scene, speaking over All India Radio, in a new impartial programme called Meet the Traffic Policeman testified that it was a vertical split The queue had split vertically Nobody knew exactly what it meant Later, writing in a capital daily (which had been Connaught Circus, New Delhi freed from the gup of its monopolist owner by his socialist son being appointed chairman of in the Candhi-Gappa rivalnes, requisitionists, generate mass vote or what you will, which the respective members When

the bus (which was later re- away. knocked the older men under

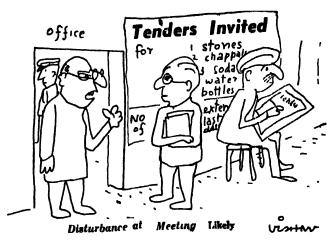
From the forward areas came even more exciting news. Young For Socialism, an organisation of taxi men who were against the taxi owners' syndicates, drove in at the Prime Minister's residence and pledged their support to bank nationalisation. The Prime Minister was none too happy, she did not like to be reminded of the fateful measure Sources close to her said that she felt she had pre-empted a valuable weapon in her struggle for socialism. Now was the time to have nationalised the banks Now was the historic and psychological moment.

In the forward areas of the bank counters Economic Intelligence Squads spotted counter revolutionaries spreading de-featist rumours among the depositors. They were instigating some of them to cross the floor and get to the vaults, the executives enbicles and the agent's chamber The counter revolutionaries were apprehended But they said they were counter revolutionaries and as such had to remain at the counters

Meanwhile, informed named by 95% of the passen- sources told uniformed sources gers as The Bandwagon) came, that the Prime Munister might the younger elements in the re-nationalise the banks, starting queue stampeded, giving mobi- with the State Bank of India It lity, dynamism and a socialist would be an unprecedented direction to an otherwise static thing in the history of revolusituation. The younger people, tions, but then that precisely representing socialism by virtue was its value. She would nationaof their age and their physical lise them any number of times, ability to 'dynamise' or push, as many times as there would be threats to socialism (She would not mind threats to her office)

> The 7, Jantar Mantar President (recognised by the Right Wing as the official sovereign of the area) declared there would to longer be any negotiations with the Indu Cong The Syndi Cong was the legally constituted authority in the area He conceded however that country possibly was much larparts of their territory were being held by the Indu Cong and

> The Provisional Government in the Paliament House-Central Secretariat - 1 Safdarjung Road- 15 Windsor Place complex claimed that the people were with it. The proof of this was it had the Civil Service under its control Anyone not hiving control of the Civil Service was anti-people and illegal The people were bound to roject such pretenders



"Of course we don't need them We're buying them up to ensure law and order at the meeting

tensed the Provisional Govern-pledged to take up alms on bement as a non-Congress Con- half of the Provisional Governcomplex He was not sure, he merely admitted the possibility. But he refused the findings of neutral and the findin neutral pressmen that large meanwhile rejected the idea of a non-Congress Congress Government as against the people's mandate What was needed was a Congress non-Congress Govcipment

The debate was academic Bccause the Provisional Govern-A political observer (or may- neuro-surgeons, young bee-kee They were whisked be he was a source) had character, all standing for socialism. Dellu

Two Young Turks who had been sent earlier to the United Nations to defend India's position on various matters from Kashmir down, hoisted the Provisional Government's tricolour flag in their New York flats They stood at their front gates chanting out of their hide-bound pocket-volumes of the Pink Book, as the compiled stray ment seemed to be in physical thoughts of Chairman Indira occupation of much of the ter- Gandhi were called At the Geritory The Tourism Department netal Assembly session they had was wholly with it, and so the taken out a requisition which powerful public sector hotels some Aiab Members signed more with their bars, cellars and ca- to forget the Rabat unpleasantbaret artistes threw their weight ness than for anything else on the side of the Provisional They also demanded of the Covernment Young astrologers, President the right of voting acyoung interior decorators, young cording to their conscience. After this they flew back to

> Syndi Cong Piesident Gappa told his supporters today that he would expel more people if need be to generate mass en-thusiasm He could expel whole States of the Union, and whole chunks of population, to prove his point Any opposition to what he was doing would be ruled out by him as being out of order.

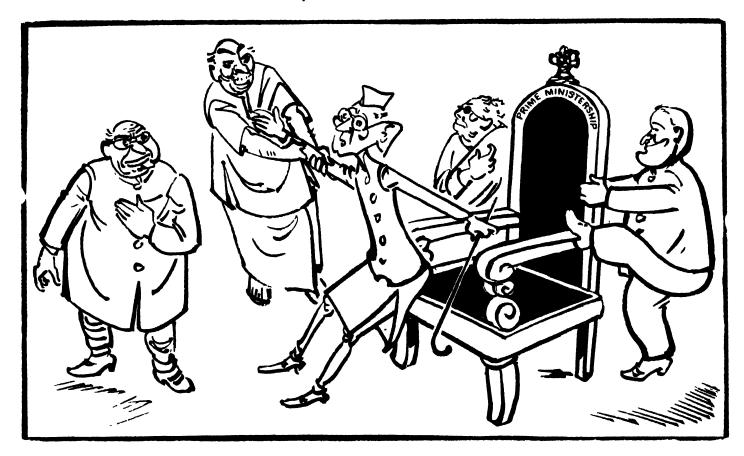
A neutral observer commented that the Syndi Cong's need was greater than the Prime Minister's Because while the Prime Minister was fighting for power, the Syndi Cong and it-President were fighting for sur vival.



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After Indira who?



Political Rhymes

THE EMILY POST FOR POLITICIANS

'Differences there are but we should always treat each other with politeness and respect' — Mrs Gandhi's comment on the mobbing at the AICC office of Mr Nijalingappa

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Now supposing that a fellow fails to toe the line Don't rush with elenched fists at him to beat, Say in admiring tones: 'Glad you're doing fine!' Then yank the rug from underneath his feet.

What if there's a friendship you would like to end 'Cause he's a rival now? Don't attack
The poor chap with cudgels, or his clothes to tatters rend —
Use the way more subtle: stab in back.

Now, spitting in the face, knocking to the ground Can do a man an awful lot of harm For the recalcitrant type — who hates to be shoved around There's finesse in the form. Twisting the arm.

Well, someone blocks your way. You're tempted to use The bullet or the knife. Your fate

May turn out to be worse – perhaps the hangman's noose! So solely his character assassmate

SOMETHING DISAGREED?

(Nyalingappa-Indira Gandhi lunch talks fail Scheduled dinner cancelled -News stem)

SOMEONE had a hunch

That maybe a lunch

Would help friendly feelings to recoup

But no one got the upper!

So they cancelled the supper -

Which leaves them still in the soupl

LATE DISCOVERY!

(I feel like having been hit on the head, when one's sight is disordered, and one sees two different images -Mr. Asoka Mehta)

POOR ole Ashok

It am't no joke

When a fellow keeps seeing things in double,

But we know it ain't

A new complaint

For some past years he's revealed this trouble!

LEONORA

Shankur's Weekly 16 November 1969

Lok Nagar

about some ill-informed and malicious criticisms made that mon man

miles of Parliament House

One would be an ungrateful wretch to eavil at the modest increase of their daily allowance from the early miserly pittance of Rs 31, or to grudge them then free telephone calls, a little secretarial assistance, free rulway pass diary or a ball-Committees Some very un- his house?

IT is a matter of great concern seemly comments were made to us voters that the Delhi when the Delhi Milk Scheme Development Authority is still opened a counter in the House dithering over the plain and for selling its ghee and butter strughtforward proposal to allot to members before these were to MPs cheap residential plots made available to the general within four miles of Pathament population. The matter was House It is not that our legis- put in its proper perspective lators are keen about it them- with the explanation that these selves. In fact, they are embar-were merely samples being tried rassed by the very idea and on the Members, had to be paid would rather not discuss it. They for and not free as most such are anxious to avoid doing any- new consumer products are thing which might tarnish their when offered to a discerning image in the mind of the pub-chentele as a measure of Sales he And they are sensitive Promotion or quality evaluation.

M Ps are no doubt provided they already have too many with some kind of houses but amenities denied to the com- they have to shell out rent for them, they have even to pay for the furniture they here from the But we who feel privileged to Government. This is not the they have their swimming pool notice. be represented by them know same thing as having one's own. What is one pool for over six that what we have done for house and furnishing it accord-hundred people? It is alright them is nothing compared to ing to one's own taste. The for winter but on a summer day of the Rajpath have tempted what they have done for and to question is, should we make our the over-crowding there has to avaricious eyes from time to the country. Look at what we distinguished law-givers, chosen be seen to be believed were twenty years ago and what one for every million of us alwe are now! Think of how most, feel like defenceless tenmuch the standard of hying has ints. We all know what it is hel, MPs are not given free prevent any sizable encroachnism, particularly within four like to be a tenant in Delhi television sets. There was some ment on this choice bit of real lawns and some are too far grounds of finance of all things be brought to bear in the future away from the place where they One should not think of the few and how strong the government m mind particularly those on much larger number which they these. Much better than any have not They do not have a other museum or secretariat each other. How can any polition play international fixtures residential area for our legislation play international fixtures. point pen from AIR's Commer-cial Service and what little they has neighbour knows who is we and not they who would be nary about market values and get by being on some of the coming and who is going out of to blame. Much has been said such insidious things. A flat



"We spread the rumour that spares cannot be had abroad for our temple-car, to guard against its theft"



"Don't expect us to take to your slow processes when instant 'nirvana' can be had with 01 mg of LSD"

Also look at the houses we have talk of it but it was scotched by estate. But one can never be given them—some have no a vindictive bureaucracy on sure what kind of pressures may work Many of the flats, I have amenities they have but of the day may feel to resist factory because they overlook cricket field of then own and if bhavan appropriating it, why their team which is to go abroad not consider it for an exclusive about madequate team-spirit rate of Rs 10 per square metre among our MPs, which is put-will bring in a lot of money and, ting the cast before the horse in any case, it will be many The play-field comes first. Re- times more than what the Govmember Eton's contribution to crament paid for the land half British victories over the French a century ago Details of insand other members of the Euro-talment plans and re-scheduling pean Common Market during of recoveries can be gone into the last couple of centuries

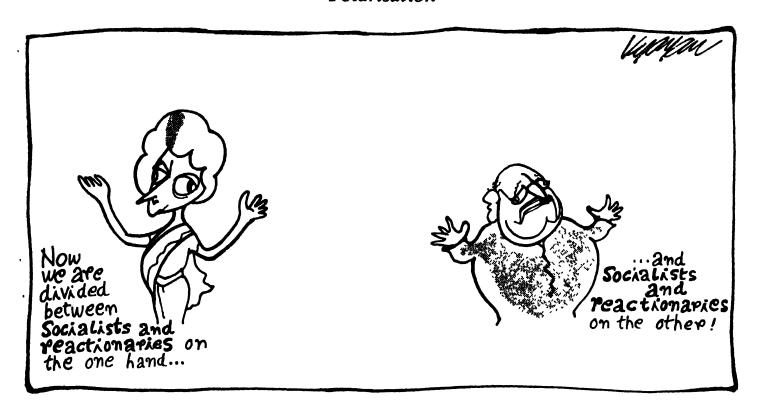
> schemes One proposal mooted elections also. is that the North and South Blocks be converted into ensuring a quorum at any time Chandigarh. of the day and the ease with which special sessions can be

Now someone will say, but summoned at practically no

The open spaces on either side time and it is with great difficulty that the Works and Hous-Also, contrary to popular be- mg Ministry has been able to once the idea has been accepted in principle This locality has If the Delhi Administration the obvious advantage of proviwill not provide cheap residen- ding enough elbow room for tial plots for MPs we have to additional Members after the be ready with alternative next three or four general

Lest anyone try to be smart No less imaginative about future Republic Day a suggestion is that four or parades, we have thought of five stories be added to the pre-that too. These should be held, sent circular Parliament build- by turn, in the capitals of variing Think of the saving on cus States as soon as some decitransport and the advantage of sion has been taken about

H.R.L.



The Congress Fiasco

lal, the Indian National Con-served a facade of unity gress has undergone profound transformations and rebuths

FROM the days of Allan Octa- and the departure of this ageing for the A-ICC meeting as out of the 100ts of the present crisis vian Hume to those of symbol of the Syndicate from order and warning the requisi- may have to be sought else-Mahatma Gandhi and Jawahai- Jaitar Mantai may yet have pre- tionists of dire consequences

From its early phase as a well Syndicate stalwarts, particular-snuffed out strong dissent or the die was cast for the convermeaning crowd of scholarly ly Kamaraj and Moraiji Desai, discouraged political reality sion of the Congress from the petitioners, Gandhi converted it sealed the fate of the Congress from manifesting itself. What position of a massive nationalist into a mighty movement of na-liberation and resurgence ed at bolstering the sagging mo-lidian National Congress is it-sion into an electoral machine and under Jawaharlal it became rale of their own followers, the retrievaly split into two. The even before the dawn of Indean instrument-however made- Syndicate destroyed even a ba- split is yet to be formalised pendence. The birth of the Conquate-of India's post-Independ- sis for compromise In an extra- and the battle for the soul and gress Parliamentary Board synence social change and econo- ordinary act of brinkmanship machine of the amorphous and chronised with the office acceptmic progress. But what is being the Congress President removed elique-ridden Congress party ance by the Congress under the witnessed in Delhi is neither a Fakhruddin Ah and Subrama- may continue for weeks or 1935 Act. As the provincial rebirth or transformation but a mam from the Working Com- months to come vertical split in the great mittee shifting the power ba-monolith. lance in his own and the Syndi-The drift to the precipice was a massive signature and deep division in the Work-national Press to treat the crisis bossdom first revealed its hand campaign in the A-ICC to give ing Committee with the Prime as a post-Bangalore phenome in the now-forgotten Bose and Siddavvanahalli Nijahngappa Minister taking the vital half of non The Bangalore A-ICC and National episodes. But what a long and well deserved holiits strength, leaving the rump the crisis over the Presidential prevented total decay was the
day from the rough and tumble for Nijalingappa to preside nomination may yet remain a presence of the Mahatma and
of political eminence. His has over The rump reacted viowatershed in the history of the radical hopes held out by been no electrifying presence lently by ruling the requisition Congress caucus's politics, but charismatic captains of the

What the tired old men of Jantar Mantar clean forgot was the But the raging fury of the fact that no prohibition has ever tory would probably recall that

where

Students of Congress hisministries were ushered in, the Congress organisation complete-Attempts are being made ly went under the sway of the struggle like Jawaharlal. Unity consensus and basic structural of purpose and dedication in the changes anti-imperialist struggle were achieved through compromises over ideology and organisation

The glow of Independence and installation of Jawaharlal as Princ Minister did not material death of Sardar. Patel or the politics Nehru-Tandon controversy did not give a purposive orientation tion of provincial cliques. With the adoption of our new Consticountry. The Nehrii era ensur-ed stability dirough yiable legislative majorities but at the wounded amour propic

Rid of the unique presence of Jawaharlal Nehru, the cliqueedden Congress party has been moving steadily towards a fall The fourth general elections became a territying manifestaly alter the focus of power with- too of pepular wiath against in the organization. Even the the Syndicate leaders and their

The Syndicate could neither to the Congress party. Jawahar- understand nor reconcile itself bls emphasis on unity, continu- to the changed environment or ity and stability suited the new forces in Indian polity. It interests of the Patils, Atulya sought short cuts to power in Choshes and Kamarajs, and soon. States encouraging 'Ayarams and the Congress became a federa- havarams' and defiling the spirit el our democratic framework tution and electoral system these. Sensitive to changing winds and chaptes entrenched themselves popular moods, Indita Candhi in the seats of power. Their receted differently to non-Congcapacity to mampulate the rural ress coalitions in States The vote rests on the basis of Synchrate saw in this exercise an patronage and caste loyalties. and the legend of the struggle effect to entreuch herself in and the charisma of Nebru Cu. power and an immediate threat sured then complete sway to the possibilities of their own over the only continental coterie rule and summit politics terrific cost of programmatic planting its Presidential nominec-



on the Congres and the country home work than they have ever political movement in the It was in this context that the The Bangalore coup detait which attempted The ten-point progfailed to click was a desperate ramme could at best be a meanby gamble of a determined coterie ingful starting point towards bellbent on retaining the levers evolution of a radical consensus country

> It is amusing to see that both the camps have fried to clothe the power struggle with ideological significance The Syndicate has overnight emerged as chainpions of discipline, punity of means and drawing room muieers. Individually and collective-Is then record in every one of these professed principles has been bleak. The biggest charge that can be laid against the the party

> Congress MPs known as the national development Gandhi and the Young Turks' will have to do lot more of

of power in the party and the But a purposive dialogue with the Left has to be initiated. And the Indua-led wing of the Congress, of course, will have to cut itself adult first from the benevolent strings of Princes, monopoly houses, transport operators and grain dealers if it is to acquire the new purposiveness and cohesion that Mis Gaudhi hopes to equip the Congress with But this sounds too good to be true Because so far, Congress radicals have been content to remain Syndicate is the total destrue as promoters of radicals in distion of democratic norms within tress, unable to influence or change the course of events The substitution of Nijalingappa The amorphous group of by Sanjiviah or anyone else will not take the country a step for-Young Furks has tried similar-ward unless a programmatic ly to clothe the debate with consensus is achieved and its 'socialist invistique' where none implementation ensured. If that exists! They are yet to show happens then 'Congress' may even after the bank nationalis- vet gain a contemporary look, ation that they can remain as a and look to the submerged cohesive and guiding factor in millions for support as it did Mrs two decades ago





Treny time I call him I'm told he's gone to the canteen for tea. How could be have tea so many times a day unless he is having unfair means of income?

Fateful Fridays

main grouse against such crises ruption is that they drag on interminably from crisis to crisis

great deal of excitement, day in and day out. But where does all that big mass of crisis copy lead us to? Of course, to the next cri- the charges of corruption, and but the campaign of agitation

In Kerala, however, they go by the Friday pattern, for all the major crises In between, they talk themselves hoarse, State Assembly But big things do not occur until the following five Friday.

that the present series of crises in Kerala started Of course, the Wellington

Then came another Friday, another Friday October 3 The dominant Marvist Party defended Mr Wellpossibility of a vote on the reso-

another Friday. Mr EMS Nambooduripad, the Chief Minster, had rushed back to Trivandrum from East Germany, to settle the Wellington crisis. But, in the meantime the cortion had been made, quite foragainst all the Ministers, includ-

CRISIS-WATCHING can be many as 54 charges of corrup- ed his followers, and then drove had pledged its support to any great fun, provided, every- tion against the twelve Minis- to Raj Bhavan to tender the re- non-Marxist regime But, in pregreat fun, provided, every- tion against the twelve Minis- to Haj Bhavan to tender the reconcerned observes the ters of Kerala and the 13th signation of the remnants of his sent-day Kerala, with the minimum of the game, and the crisis member of the Cabinet had al- Cabinet colors. The current of the cabinet had al- congress the term of the Cabinet had al- cabinet h rules of the game, and the crisis member of the Cabinet had al- Cabinet does not last too long The cur-ready left his post as Finance rent-day crises, however, tend to Minister and was being examinbecome continuing crises My ed by a commission also for cor-

> corruption, Mr Namboodiripad ton, for the corruption enquiry That was the outcome of Mr Numboodiripad's first look at Kerala, in the next two days, his comrades

Promptly, that Friday, when Mr Namboodiripad's verdict process of cabinet formation The was announced, all the "Mini CPI leaders went off to New both inside and outside the Front" Ministers also resigned Delhi for consultations, the RSP

By then, events started mov-It was on Friday, August 22, mg fast and, when the next had no commitment with the the Mini Front Central Organisation Friday came, which had a majority in the rift between the ruling parties Assembly, passed a resolution, was there all along but that calling for an enquiry into char-Filday, the Asembly brought up ges of corruption against Mrs stay away from the cabinet but chaiges of corruption against the Gown Thomas, Mr Imbichi pledged all-out support for any former Health Minister, Mr B Bawa, Mr N K Krishnan and Mr Mathai Manjooran happened on October 24, again, ed front Almost every member the business of ensis-watching

It was strange that the resigington. They even defended the nation of the Government came all that late Mr Namboodupad lution seeking an enquiry into wanted a full-dress debate on the charges of corruption against the statements made by the him. But the House finally adopted the resolution though the also wanted a full-dress debate Muraists claimed for several on the charges of corruption days that it was all illegall against the rest of the Ministers Probably, he also wanted A fortnight later came yet time to prepare for the aftermath Anyway, the date seemed to suit him-Friday, October 24th!

Fortunately, Mr Namboodiri-pad was saved from charges of ruption front in Kerala had corruption The Mini Front's blown up. Charges of corrup- resolution did not mention him at all From the Assembly Hall, mally, and in the Assembly, he walked to the Secretariat gate, where instead of the noring E M.S., and asking for mal demonstrators, there was a enquires into them all. large gathering of Marxists who welcomed him. From there, he The conflict had reached a proceeded to the Marxist Party crucial stage. There were as headquarters, where he address-

Later, Mr. Namboodinpad told a press conference that he did not wish to head a caretaker government, nor did he re-Among all those charged with commend President's Rule for the State The next morning, he left for Calcutta, leaving the Marxist legacy of political and

There was sporadic unrest, in Trivandrum and elsewhere in probably the advice he got from fell far short of Marxist expectations

Then came the long, tedious The cabinet dwindled to a mere leaders to Calcutta, also for consultations The Muslim League stayed back in Kerala, while the Indian Socialist Party,

> That week in Kerala was a nightmare The RSP decided to The next day on November 1, stay away from the cabinet but the new cabinet in Kerala was government formed by any of This the partners in the former unit- had moved to the Centrel And of the united front, however, had shifted to New Delhi did not wish to get the support of the Congress Party, which

and the Mushin League) the Congress seemed to suffer from some sort of untouchability, even unapproachability!

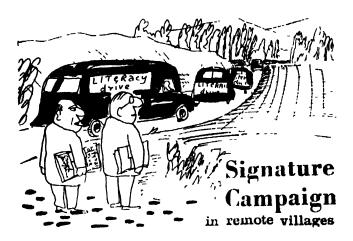
The result was chaotic No ample, or the West Bengal crasis. or the big Congress crass at
the Centre True, they yield a

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tagged them on, to Mr Wellingwould be forthcoming to any non-Marxist' regime and the Marxists waited to be called to form their own Ministry But when everyone decided that a Covernment should be formed. if only for the sake of safeguardmg themselves, they had to find a suitable leader. It was only a week later, on the next Friday, October 31, that the crisis was finally solved, at least for the time being And that Friday, incirlentally, someone rang up the Governor to find out whether it was still open for the Marxists to withdraw the resignation they had submitted

> sworn-in by the Governor But by that time the major crisis

> > M SIVARAM



"We've speeded up the literary drive to prepare them for the signature campaign

March



of Time



Splitting strains

THE affairs of the Congress over menu, we presume It put a very cheerful view of the Gandhi has a point in suggestminate the week. The split has the word Fruitful in the heading a split in fact it has pleaded for an end in itself. When a Prime been discussed over and over of its editorial and ventured such keen logic and conviction.

Minister wins office with a have not produced the results, mated situation termination of the Syndicate to come risky, so to say Merci-

outcome of the unity efforts of Chief Ministers, particularly Mr. Virendra Patil who had succeeded in arranging a hincheon meet-Nualingappa, with no dispute the Hindustan Times has given

again but yet it has not taken cautiously thus 'At its very start that it makes delightful reading. Place with speed Also the so-called peace efforts of Congress some promise. There may be sary and avoidable until a few Chief Ministers—from Chalina to one reason why he may succeed weeks ago. It is now desirable "and unmediate formalisation of nesday with the Syndicate tak- two Congresses seems to be the mg the reckless step of remov- mevitable consequence." The one of those week-end dilemmas. Congress unity of a new type it grim prospect of political nista-bility on a national scale."

In contrast to such gloomy ing of Mrs. Gandlii and Mr. preguostications of the Patrika,

Virendra Patil and Sukhadia- in making a dent in the stale- even it not inevitable False have not produced the results. mated situation The raging unity will only drive the fight The strain of this continuing conconflict has brought the two underground with both sides frontation and uncertainty of wairing groups to the brink of trying to capture the Party maforecasts naturally has been the yawning abyss and having chine and embarrass the other telt most on the correspondents had a glimpse of it they may side The current administrative who have to chronicle the happenings in the great war of the Congress camps. The result is easy to see One day it is the front page headlined, "Nijahn- ly, time is against India and if mevitability of the split, the degappa's talks with PM fail" that there must be a period of instabi-"the point of no return having lity and a time of troubles, it is take action against the PM and been reached, it now remains for better that this happens now so on that become headlines the two warring factions to sane- when the system has not been But the next day it will be some tily the split by formal rituals "eroded and undermined to the fresh bid to avert the Congress On Monday it was a steep point where it is unable to cushisplit giving the boost to the plunge from all hopes "End of on the shock". It is under-Chief Munsters. While there is hope" said the headline of the standable that the rank and file no harm in this game, it is ap- Pa'iika editorial and it declared, and the Chief Ministers should parent that the editorials are beginning to sound repetitive and the "unity talks" between desire unity, the former "in hoginning to sound repetitive and have failed to bridge the latter "for fear of the repercusing on the Congress had begulf between the two groups "This cons" in their States of a split "But in reality, as Mrs Gandhi fully the split has come on Wed- the split, i.e., the emergence of eloquently stated at her Press Conference on Saturday, is of ing the reckless step of removinevitable consequence. The we' and 'they' The Congress is ing the PM from the Congress Patrika is plainly distressed at already split. The present synmembership

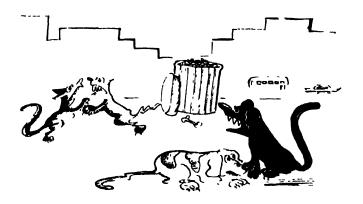
the prospect It deplores in the trunty keeps alive a split these words "Whether one group will be able to swalseems to have been caught in low the other and to give the advice to give to the Prime Manister, who has so far efficientof the Congress situation. On is too early to predict, but the ly acted her part of the drama Sunday it was hopeful of some people must be prepared for a It points out to be her that "the absence of a programme renders Mrs Gandhi vulnerable

Unless she soon adopts a programme, preferably her own her political credibility must steadily diminish The Prime Minister has not thought far enough Hers is a most unrevolutionary revolution

In another category is the Statesman when is plainly not in favour of Mis Gandhi The Statesman also doesn't set much score by the activities of the peacemakers, "not all them easily distinguishable from the normal run of busybodies" But while ridiculing their "kite" flying, the Statesman itself does not mind sending up ness has come as a result of her a kite of its own Commenting on the Congress irrevocably splitting into two, it says: "The constitutional implications of pleased by such tributes? such a situation will need to be sorted out but perhaps Mrs.

Minister wins office with a United Party behind her which subsequently breaks into two after considerable washing of dirty linen, can her moral right to continue in office remain undiluted?" Surely the Syndicate could have borrowed the argument from the Statesman

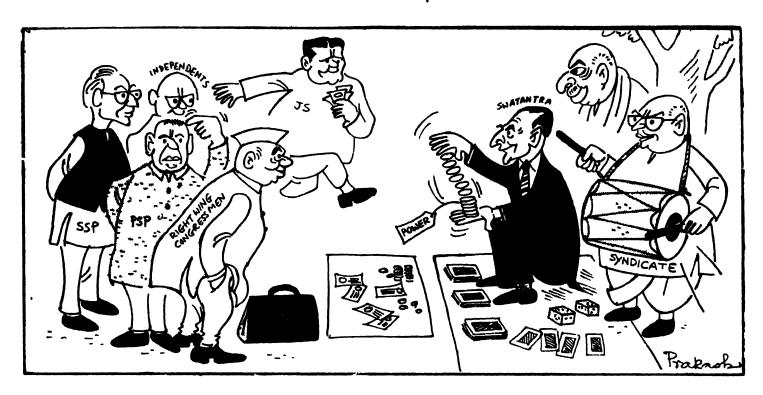
Compliments of an entirely different kind comes to Mis Gandhi from the Indian Express, which has been extremereticent to speak on the Congress crisis all these many weeks It now compliments the Prime Minister for showing a "Return to realism". The ocand her answers to some questions on changes in the Fourth Plan and why no move is taken to nationalise general insurance ete Mis. Gandhi had been very cucumspect and guarded in her replies and was not encouraging hopes in any quarter that she was contemplating immediately many radical measures on the economic front And therefore she gets these compliments from the Indian Express "It is heartening to see that the euphoria that was generated in the wake of nationalisation of banks is giving place to a more realistic appraisal of the economic outlook The Prime Minister indicated to journalists in Delhi on Wednesday that no significant revision of the outlays envisaged m the Draft Fourth Plan is likely as a result of bank nationalisa-tion." The Express welcomes this "caution". It also says that "In ruling out nationalisation of general insurance for the present, the Prime Minister has come round to the view that the game is not worth the candle" "The Prime Minister "The Prime Minister apparently realises that until the gains from nationalisation. and the investments in the public sector already made are fully consolidated, there is no point in extending the area of nationalisation. If this awaretaking over the Finance port-folio, it may be no small gain." Could Mrs Gandhi



"Look at them, silly folk! fighting like Congressmen"

NARADA

The Diwali spirit



Vigorous cancassing is on among certain Opposition parties for a no-confidence more against Mrs. Gandhi's Government - Report

Microcosmographia Politica

THE world has changed a good deal And Bharat has changed a good deal Since the global war ended And Gandhiji's life wase ended

Truth was all right once
And as for non-violence
(In deed, word and thought),
"Twas very much the fashion

But we live in an age of change The age of verbal overkill, Of expensive insecurity, And of cranky counter-offensives

Welcome Goebbelsian truth
Welcome Goeringian peace
Welcome aided affluence
Welcome slufting convictions!

We're scientifically modern,
We deem fission's as good as fusion,
Discipline could be retrograde,
Defection the higher loyalty

The tail can wag the head
When old men fool and young cubs roar,
And every word claims independence
Of legal and lexicographical usage.

The fusing united frontists

Can rout the fissioning rulers,

Then fissionists and fusionists alike

Can replay the game once more

We need a thermo-nuclear leaderlip That sighs and simles and explodes at will, That holds midnight confabiliations And enacts daytime confrontations

Now the fissionists get a pat Now the fusionists receive a smile, One day normaley's claimed to have returned Next day normaley dutifully retires

In the Gandhi Centenary year We've perfected in Complexity The technology of in-fighting No holds barred, no room for pity

In a stringgle that's intestine In a grapple that's country-wide, Now things converge to Centre, Now scatter to Circumference

Somebody tried to moralise politics, No blame on him, he sought our good, But little did he understand In love and war all means are fair

We exploit fear, we exploit greed We practise 'Divide and Role,



"The Germans are a great and brave people. Their industry, their scholarship and their bravery command the admiration of the world One hopes that they will lead the peace movement."

-Mahatm.: Gandhi

"The German Democratic Republic, faithful to the interests of the German people and the international obligations of all Germans, has eradicated German militarism and nazism on its territory and pursues a policy serving peace and socialism."

- From The Constitution Of The G.D.R.

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NEW DELHI BOMBAY CALCUTTA

At the auspicious time we defect. At the needful time genuflect.

What's normalcy, what's policy? Normalcy must suit policy And policy's a chameleon And chameleon is myself

In these changed electric times A signature's a potent fuse And liquidations are in order And jet-dashes maintain morale

What men have ever dared we dare, We make adhesions of convenience We make victories of wordfacts We fire those who won't retire

It's the posture of our politics That you cannot infer our moves, Our policies are fluid dynamics, We simprise, seize the day, and win

We're all for Einstein and Heisenberg, We've opted for Relativity
And the Law of Indeterminacy To govern our judgements and actions

We're in status pupillari To the ancient tactician, We're adepts in escalation And good at somersaultism

Right turn, left turn, Right about turn, Stand at ease, quick march — We've practised all these

The 'masses' are our commanding base, The 'letters' our propaganda heights, The trips abroad our constitutionals, The writing on the wall our sole blind spot

Does the enemy part his beard In patriarch-fashion? But gesture will be met by gesture And sneeze will be met by sneeze

Tis the law of natural selection That the fittest do survive, Tis the law of politics That to be Left is to be Right.

My country, O my country! What a ballast for our sails, What a hold-all argument, What a friend-of-all-situations!

Self above everything Said the wise Vedantin, The self is the Self, Myself my country.

Charity's sacred, sublime, Saith the prophet: Ameul But charity begins at home, And home is ourselves.



The differences between Mr C B Gupta and Mi Kamlapati Tripathi have come to a head -Report

The Man and the Medicine

FOUND the small ambercoloured bottle on the dressing-table. I could see the ten anti-anaemia capsules and the cotton stuffing inside The tamper-proof cap was intact. I had spent nearly twenty rupees for this fourth bottle, and Piema had not even cared to open it She was supposed to take one capsule daily. What a frightful disregard of health; what a scandalous waste of hard-earned money.

"Prema!" I roared like an angry lion.

"Don't shout!" she shouted from the kitchen

"You just come here"

"What's it?" she demanded, whacking into what we call the dressing-table room, emitting all the kitchen-smells imaginable

"Look at this"

"Oh, that"

"You ought to be ashamed of

"I haven't got a moment to Tinny's father" And spare. turned to leave the chore and Prema

"Hey!" I thundered

"Please, Tinny's father!" the lady entreated, turning back

"But the matter's not over, woman! You are to take a cap sule once every day, and you the first place you don't take haven't even opened the bottle vesterday. I paid twenty rupees for it

"Nineteen-ninety."

"What difference does it ly?"

make?"

"Ten paise"

"Don't try to distract my attention Why haven't you been takıng your daily capsule?'

"What with all these domestic

"Domestic chores be nggered D'you realize vou're running your health?"

"I'm not runing my health, you are, by all this fuss?

"You'll be the death of me. In the medicine prescribed for you, in the second place, when I point out your error to you, you call it fuss and accuse me of running your health. You are negligent in the matter of your thankless, ungrateful Why can't vou take your medicine regular-

"I always take my medicine regularly Only in this case...

"You never do It's always my funeral to force your medicine on you, and then this is my reward, this is what I get for being so careful about your health It's your health that is in question, it's your duty to take your capsules regularly and untailingly, when you fail in that duty, and cause me all this harassment, the least you can do is to apologize to me for your lapse and promise such a thing would never happen again. Instead.

"How many times are you going to say that, Tinny's father?"

"As many tunes as you are medicine, Prema. D'you realize what fiendish stresses and strains your carelessness about

vour medicine puts me to? Am I to rum my health worrying juncture. He stared at his about your health?"

· Hrrrmph "

health, tearing me to shreds for morning?" not having remembered to swallow those beastly capsules be"No," the boy said, scraping eause of all this toil and trouble the floor with his right big toe about mel?

"Beastly capsules!" I rasped "They cost me twenty rupecs!"

"Nineteen-ninety, rapped out Prema

grows on trees. You waste it run out of his tonic syrup, Preby not taking the medicine it's mar" I blaced bought with

headbreaking is good for my health? It you're truly anxious You don't care what happens about my health, why don't you to our only child " let me be 4 mmute of husbandfree peace is worth a million capsules '

"It's my crune to be particular about your well-being, and watchful eye on his medicine-in-bugely enjoying herself I'm being punished for that take, you ought to have replaccrime. There are husbands who led the bottle the moment it was wouldn't part with a single paisa empty Indeed, you ought to impatiently to save their wives' souls and have brought in a new bottle here have I spent twenty supecs even before the old one was fibesides the previous sixty

"Ninetecn-ninety besides the previous fifty-nine-seventy'

"Hrrmph"

"So it's your money that's worrying you, not my health "

"This is intolerable."

Young Tinny butted in at this mother, then at me I was reminded of his tonic syrup.

"You!" I bawled out at him "And much you care about my "Did you take your syrup this

The bottles empty "

"When did you finish it?"

"Four days back"

"Lake mother, like son Why "And you think my money didn't you tell me the boy had

1 cau't remember every-'D'you really think all this thing," she said nonchalantly

"But is it my fault the bottle's streaked in, simling cinpty,

"You ought to have kept a nished

You ought really to stop nagging me, Tinny's father

I was speechless with fury And then the telephone rang, loud and clear,

She streaked out, and then she was high. He got a packet of

interrogation at her

"The doctor,' she chirruped,

'What did he say?" I asked

Guess "

'Out with it."

"You saw him this morning."

'I did "

'He diagnosed a pathologically worried frame of mind and Answer it," I told Prema, found that your blood-pressure

I looked powders, tablets, and capsules made out for you The ring was to inform you that you forgot the packet on his table You must go back this evening and collect it"

'Hrirmph"

"And I was to discontinue my capsules after the third bottle, and young Tinny was to discon tinue his syrup after the bottle he's finished. I asked the doctor about us, and he said he had made it all quite clear to you."

'Hrimph"

M A. MAZMUDAR



'No, I don't want to engage the tanga but I am asking you if you'll get me a loan from the bank."





THEN, AT THE END OF IT ALL, WHEN SHE DOESN'T WIN A SINGLE PRIZE IN THE FLOWER SHOW, SHE GETS VERY UPSET, AND DOESN'T TALK TO ANYONE FOR DAYS.



Written by a snob

clean suob And what's more, shopping suob (men and my reader, I think you are a women), the Piam suob snob about something as well (ladies only), the musical snob this is right and that is wrong pected," and by heavens, if you to be a snob.

(womanly of course). For snobs is the "leader" snob instance, I curl up at artificial (That's me) who buys books instance, I curl up at artificial flowers in the home or when not because they are friends in people handle their knife and cloth or leather but to give the fork like a pencil. Place your cards on the table reader, and you'll be surprised that the taboos roll out I'll just mention one little general affectation. 'Oh, stop it' you'll say, 'we don't want to wince, recoil or curl up as you just said.'
Then lets talk about the new twist snobbery has taken. Instead of boasting about their expensive new car, anybody who is somebody now gives but I always swear at the dog you are "reacting" If you march unhaltingly the impression of having little psychedelic culture that's turn-manage to survive after an victory idea of moving to a smaller code. I don't seem to under- ghastly, the ward sister will tell

I AM not a crank - I am not place" That I would say is stand their code words and your husband that you are a pervert, I am just a plain, the genuine snob, unlike the code phrases. - for it is so easy and pleasant who goes to concerts not be - today you "take a moral at the there are more code words to be a snob.

I have just a few taboos season but the words of all love" That's too crude. You with such vivacity that your right atmosphere to the house I keep my books where they — just say he is "disturbed" belong — Shakespeare, Scott, And if he tries to cut your Byron down to the minor writ- throat he is "very disturbed," ers. But sometimes I curse the too English language itself because it is full of mysterious idioms While some judge people by grief, you are "depressed" If what they own or wear, I am vou are starving, you are impressed by what they do or "merely underprivileged" If impressed by what they do or say. Utterly petty you will say "We are toying with the ing the English language into a operation and are still feeling

say it is "the permissive society" don't say he went to the moon just "passed away" you "bro-(because Armstrong went there)

– just say he is "disturbed"

If you are distracted with

'comfortable " If you are at death's door next day "you are No longer may you say that as comfortable as can be exfirst impulse is to kick the If you meet a raving nut bucket But no, you are not you don't call hun a lunatic, allowed to do such a thing You athed your last breath," von "have gone to a better world," you "are not with us anymore," you "have joined your mother" always presuming that she has already "passed away" when you know that she just emigrated to Australia (downunder). If And most confusing of the lot you are ill, and the drug to of code words, you have "gone" cure you makes you sick as a while the rest of the world towards

MAUDE LAZAGO

-FILMS

"Paisa ya Pyar"

ONE more Hindi version of a Madras movie The Geminis are famous for family entertamments and only they know what it means This one dwells at length on the internal polities of a family The lady of the house, enclosed by opulence, does not stoop even to conquer She is the boss, and her husband, owner of a match factory, has her permission to say the things she likes. Their collegegoing daughter has none to fall in love with but the artist-son of the chowkidar While daddy takes things in their stride the mother objects, nay, pours out venom and invective. By arguments which would test anybody's patience, daddy makes mummy see sense and she tells the daughter to go to Hell They get married Daddy heaves a



Raquel Welch



Mala Sınha, Biswajeet

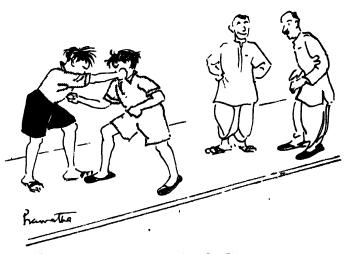
problem. He goes to the seagirls in Bombay?) Daddy is ex- copied popular Tamil song asperated but thanks to a rich Singapore couple saves his breath The Singapore team looks upon the berry-girl as Hollywood seems to have extheir only lost daughter Now hausted itself producing Westthat she is known to possess erns. Everytime it is the varia-wealth, iniuminy would like to tion on a theme-yarns about a see her son married to this girl renegade, a sharpshooter, a ban-But there are more complica- dit, a trigger-happy thug or tions The daughter leaves the some guy after these cronies. house with her artist husband For authentic ruggedness they

displays everything is once again Mexico there is no dearth of head advised by the yankee hunky-dory with mum and adventure. It is a pity that radroad contractor, becomes the children. The end is in sight everytime Mexico is the locale, chieftain in order to save the after a gruelling three-hour ver- we see natives whose sole occu- state from anarchy the contract

Ashok Kumar as the rich peaceful Mexico is a rarity in 11ther and indulgent husband the Westerns. Twentieth Cenwith a heart of gold is his usual tury Fox's "100 Rifles" is formulaself. Shashikala tries her hand based and dead on the beaten at character-acting As the wo- track A fierce Spanish general ably wooden With the bang of man living in a fool's paradise is intent on quelling the strug. more than 100 rifles this was as and given to treat the poor as gles of the local injuns. He be- nerve-racking as Diwah firedirt, she is good. Mala Sinha is heves dead men do not bite and works charming in light moments There are one or two noteworthy directorial touches by the late Javar Sitaraman Photography is good and the colour processing reveals the technical comsigh of relief and before the sigh petence of Gemini There is is through, enter sonny with a absolutely no justification for the mordinate length of this fillum shore and there picks up the with no plot, no story and no girl who sells berries (Where purpose but with long drawnis this stuff and where are such out sequences and a crudely

"100 Rifles"

is unsparing with enemies and enemies' triends. Joe, wanted for robbery in the States is here engaged in gun running for and on behalf of the mjuns. Jim Brown the copper from North is determined to take him back alive Raquel Welch leads the natives against the oppressive army and entices the copper and the bandit into working in collution Jim gets mixed up and with Joe is about to face the firing squad. We are not swayed for we know the girl will free them. Sure she does and how easy it is! The two men, chained to each other, run for life and there is a predictable scuffle between them with a 'you got me into this' Reminiscent of the burden 'Defiant Ones' but tame After a lot of shooting by more than a hundred rifles (which was the quantity being smuggled), a train smash, street battles with trenches, sandbags and machine guns, the struggle is over and the general is lynched. The victim is the gul. I'm returns without a willing prisoner. In but after a lot of pyrotechnic cross the border, and once in fact the man with a prize on his pation seems to be killing moti- is also renewed. Miss. Welch vated by mercenary interests. A takes a shower under a railroad as our censors would allow Jim Brown is massive and reason-



"Don't stop them. Some day they'll become great political leaders.

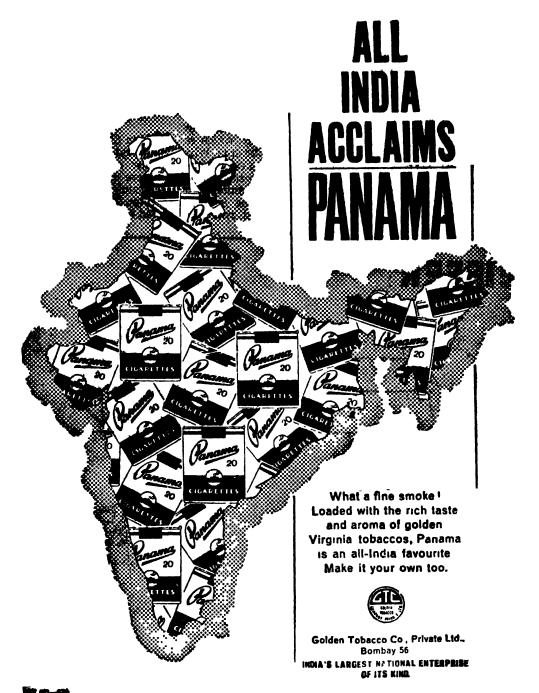
The Pursuit of Happiness

ALL the scramble last week ings if not as psychic devices watercolours which the Delhi oils, though they are seldon among the politicians was And this is important. It makes gallery-goer is familiar with, granted the respectability due nothing more than their style of it far less esoteric than it might have suddenly acquired a sophi- to paintings. Galleries, buying pursuing happiness It is obvious that we cannot agree on ings could well be simple, jump imperative for Pasticha mate against water colours, their ways to be happy, because honest pieces of wall decoration. This is not to suggest that his which is a shame Because Pastipainter Haridasan, at Kumar in a very non-metaphysical Gallery's extension in the Ashoka Hotel promises happiness through partners happiness happiness through partners happiness through partners happiness happin ness through participation in his Yantras. The Yantras are not to be confused with machines, colourist, exhibiting at AIFACS often realised that water colours rious notice, though they have a mechanical feels he is verging on oil. His have as much staying power as. This time element in them, a certain method of structural engineering though on the strictly two- dimensional visual surface The Yantras are a take off from the '1968 series of Yantras (we beg to be forgiven for thus treating them like the annual scries of cars-perhaps the name 'Yantras' did the trick) which were ca-hibited at the Kumar Gallery in Sunder Nagar, New Delhi Again, those were a take off from the still earlier non-Tantric paintings of his those old art school conventionalities, which nevertheless gave fairly tlear indications of the directions Haridasan was taking Haridasan, it was obvious, had narrowed his options From a lush and numerous repertory of carnival forms, distinctly Hindu in their symbology, he chose an essential core of static, diagramatic compositions These, more than any religious commitment to the Tantric cult, determined his next jump

So he arrived. The Yantras are Tantric art, visual approximations of Tantric art, to put it safely Because this writer is not competent to discuss the religious and psychic functions of Tantrians beyond a certain point But in the lay sense, the Tantric diagram is a hypnotic design meant to involve the viewer's consciousness. Cosmic reality in these designs is geometrically reduced to intersecting circles and squares and triangles, and thus finds patterns of response in the meditative mind. This basic visual, and at the next stage, meditative purpose is served by Handasan's Yantras. The static suns with the r abundant tongues of yellow flime, the sharp, hard edge circles striking out in bold relief against sombre geometric background patterns, the occasional calligraphy, these make them credible as contemporary paint-

Ram Nath Pasricha, the water oil, and conceived as 'permanent He is an artist of great relev-structures' Incidentally, it is not once, and deserves far more se-

This time we are shown a



fairly varied repertory. The and suns. kind of work which he used to naive but charming statement, a might find it hard to resist klee-like formulation if you will, which nevertheless grows on you until after a time it takes ers have become convenient ing mannerisms

generosity of his sentiment. Pas-inhibitions taken on as a natural tions are not happy things—thinself you have a raconteur commitment to traditional or—Certainly, Aachari can get rid take off

Now about the closeness to do consisted of spreading mo- oil seen in some of his pictures tifs in bright colour made on Perhaps Pasricha feels the need moistened hand-made paper. Al- to try out a change of medium lowing these to dry partially, But it might be a problem for perhaps, the painter goes on to him to retain his present classic add a garmshing of figure work, simplicities in oil Oil, by its mainly circles, and little repetively nature, might offer him tive lines. The end result is a total temptations which he

Appukuttan Aachari (AIFACS) possession of you very much is a craftsman turned painter like a major painting. The and sculptor His paintings are paintings are landscapes. The academic while his wood sculp-The and sculptor His paintings are The academic while his wood sculplandscape grows and changes, ture shows a surprisingly conand its suns and skies and grass topporary spirit. He follows the take on varied incarnations. But grain of the timber like a good Pasticha is a pantheist, and he craftsman, and reduces and digcannot escape the landscape ests formal detail with the ter-The result is that he is seldom seness of a seasoned sculptor contaminated by the expression- But the gap between his paint-ist agonies which in many paint- mgs and woodwork is disturb-However, this reviewer will not put his paintings down There is an attempt to vary as mere academic work. There the method in this collection. A are at least a few canvases (Inof the urban reality, he is pro- academic styles. The instances of them. Because his style is



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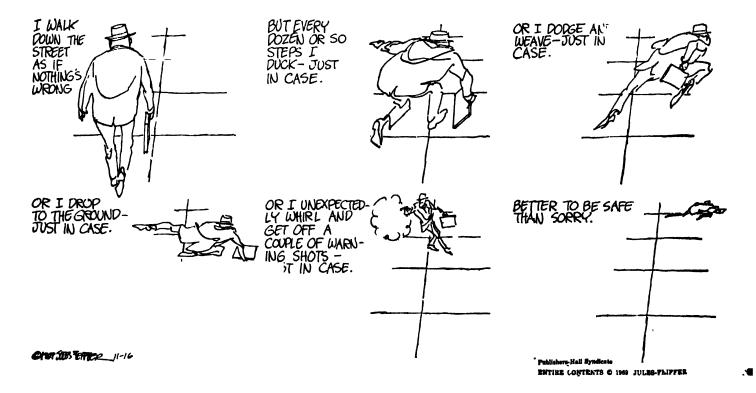
few instances of pop are there, spaced" for example) which re- (the Gita illustration is a case in which is not what we could say and perhaps these do not fit in veal an expressionist urge. What point) and overt pictorial equi- of our escapist generation of with the general richness and Aachan needs is an escape from valents of inctaphysical posi- artists. A little freedom given to

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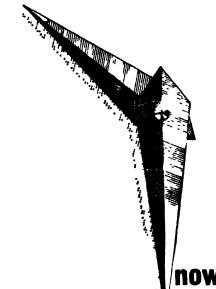
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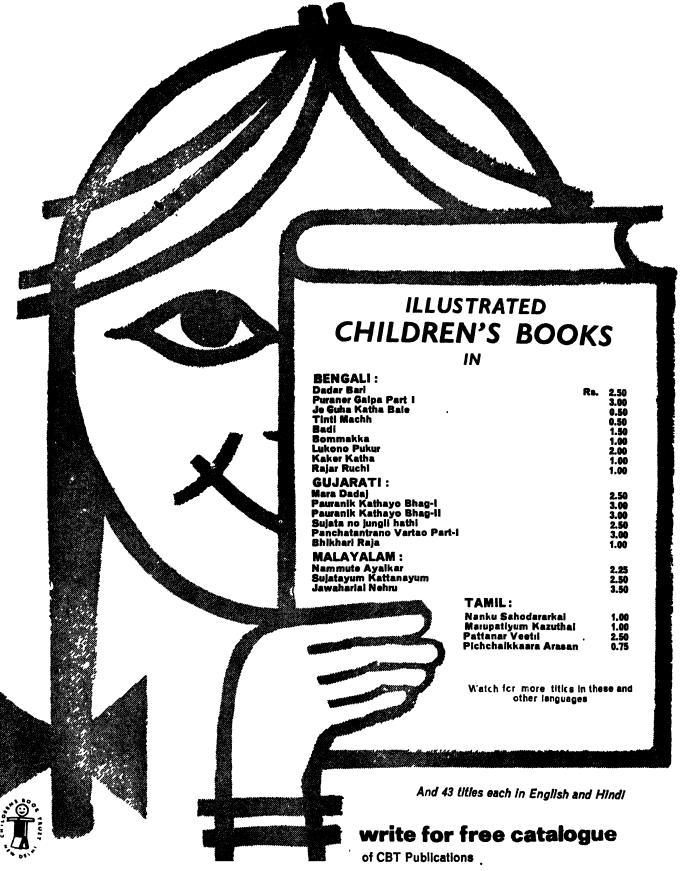
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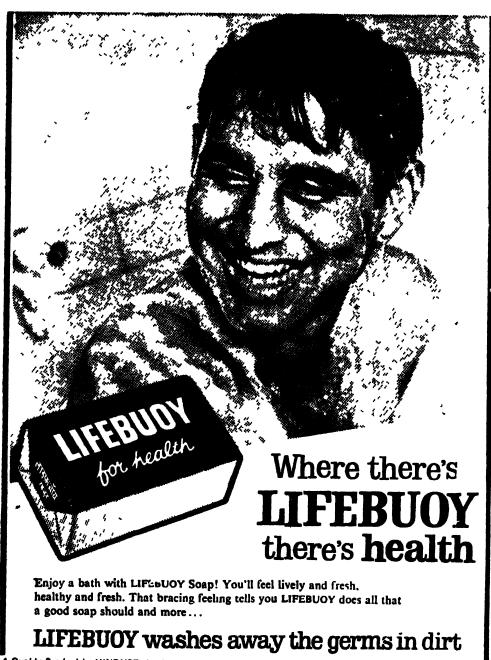
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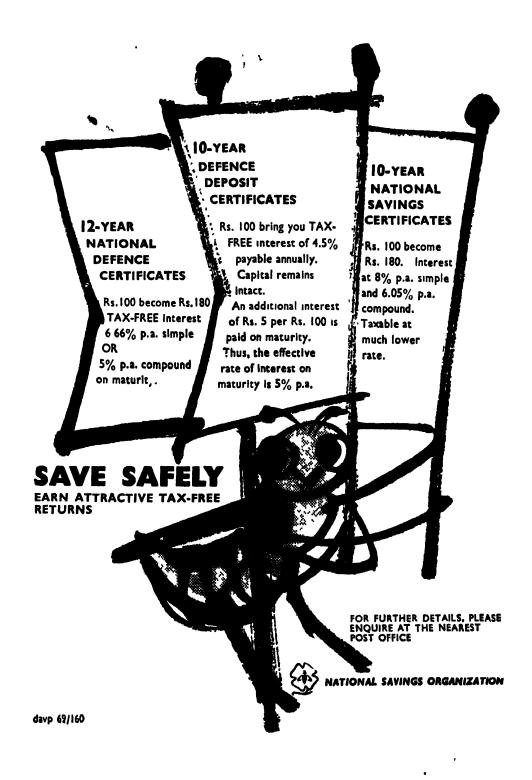


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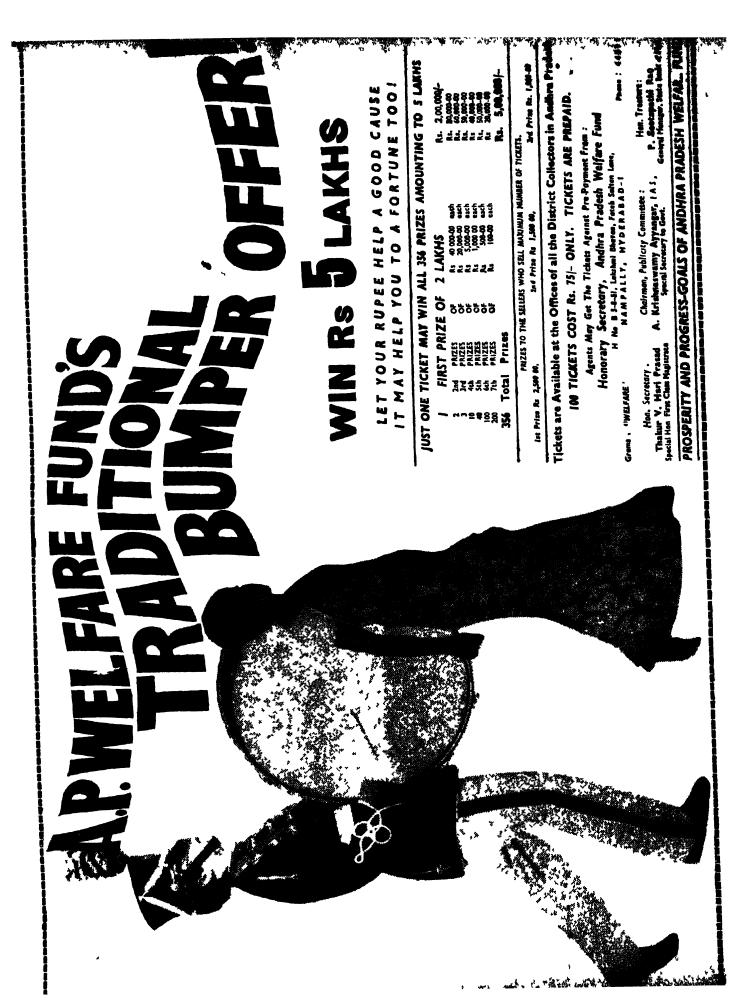




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FREE THINKING

THE Pickwickian feature of our pailiamentary democracy is that there are parties but there is no party system in it. The Constitution, though partly based, implicitly and not explicitly, on the party system, is absent-minded about it as about many other things. Burke thought party would mean principled politics, and while Burke, like Bagehot, has not been repudiated, the factions that go about as parties do not add up to a party system. Yet, no one can conceive of a partyless democracy, and even that persevering Utopian, Jayaprakash Narayan does not talk of it now.

The Whigs called themselves Whigs because the Tories called themselves Tones, and each party called the other unmentionable names before settling down to the game of the pendulum, agreeing on basic things and disagreeing on everything else Since the Congress Parliamentary Party remains by overwhelming numbers under Indira Gandhi, the Dr Ram Subhag Singh party has assumed the comical, improbable name of the C.P.P.-O, like one of Gilbert's more untenable, unnatural, and incomplete rhymes sought to be saved by Sullivan's louder music. Names do not matter, but any party with a name ending with the roundest of the vowels is entitled to feel happy, if not optimistic The CPP-O has no lack of talent Di Ram Subhag Singh would be a Brobdingnagian even in Brobdingnag, he looks like a Fox but speaks like a Burke, sending people to their dinner Mi S K Patil is Pitt, not the Younger Pitt of the Elder Pitt but the Middling Pitt Mr Morarji Desai is the M.R.A. version of the sea-green incorruptible Robespierre, though he is the last man to have anything to do with guillotines. And the C.P.P.-O has a brighter array of the stronger, if more feminine, sex now clad brighter sarces It is Westward Hol all through

There are other advantages with the CPP.—O, the compactness of a rump, the hopes of a Micawber, and the agility of which the Aitful Dodger would have been proud Raju's respectability now extends beyond Rajamahendravaiamu and Asoka Mehta's flair for playing Jove and Jeremiah by turns is an asset to any party without many assets. Tarkeshwini sinha's capacity for tears and threats and Sharda Mukerjee's model intellectual pose cannot be forgotten Mr S N Mishia can now mouth more platitudes and Mr. Gurupadaswamy has graduated into leadership

There is no Deputy Speaker and there is no Deputy Chairman and our parliamentary democracy is not as parliamentary as it should be If Mr Khadilkar is in the ministry, can Mrs Alva be far behind, and then where would Mr. Alva be, since both cannot be ministers of Governors? There are personal problems but parties make or unmake persons There are few non-persons in the new party alignments, and with one more party, there will be more supplementaries which means more speeches to preface them. In the process our parliamentary democracy might become more parliamentary and less direct

The Man of the Week

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PLEASE TURN OVER FOR PEN PORTRAIT

The Man of the Week

T HE Golden Age of the Guptas in UP is coming to an end Chandra Bhanu Gupta is the founder of the dynasty and its liquidator From the obscurity of Lakhimpur Kheri he started as an intrepid social worker with enormous ambition and built himself into a pouer ly manipulation and group and caste politics To the Brahmins, the Kshatriyas and the Kayasthas, he opposed the organized traditional grabbing instincts of a hading community Power has been his pursuit, rewarding friends has been his pastime, and wreaking vengeance against those who oppose him has been his passion

C B Gupta has been sometimes known as CB and sometimes as Guptan As CB, he is no Campbell Bannerman but an illiberal, vain, uneducated Philistine His intellect is not more than that of a local operator, but by the ramifications of his pouce as a fund-collector and caste leader he has usen to Syndicate status and now thinks he is a statesman The UP Congres cannot be led by Patil of Bombay, Desar of Gujarat or Nyalingappa of Mysore, but Gupta thinks he is in the company of the great and can mortgage the future of UP Congress according to the needs of the Syndicate He will remain the little man, and while he thanks his baton makes him the Lattle Napoleon he will meet his little Waterloo

Gupta's loyalties have been variable He served Pant till he could grab enough power from him and then was insolent to him. He was one of Sampunanand's footsto**o**ls and later rebelled against him He claims to be one of the orumal socialists, but by habit and gesture, in word and deed he is an incorrigible capitalist, one of the pillars of privilege His last bastion of power is the sugar industry and if it is nationalised he will be in the streets hoing on the institutions which he has created by his long assiduous, illegitimate patronage

IT was an irony that on the ship's day Parliament, meaning the Gandhi Lok Sabha, had an official Op-position the Treasury Benches scored their finest triumph. Some say it was because of Asoka Mehta He has a penchant for putting his adversaries m a wunning position. In 1953 when he made his debut in the Lok Sabha, as usual through a by-election and with the connivance of the Congress Party, the Treasury Benches heaved a sighof relief that at least a section of the Opposition was in safe hands Soon came Acharya Kripalani, a la Asoka, without the Congress putting any hurdles in his way And the picture was complete "Democratic" Opposition in the House oscillated between paroxysms of frustration and outbursts of thetoric

Di Ram Manohai Lohia, who was then General Secretary of the PSP, had advised Asoka to throw "something" at Nehru Asoka was scandalised But if a similar suggestion was proferred now, he would perhaps jump at it!

Why did they pick on Rabat for the opening bout in the trial of strength between the Syndicate and the Indicate? There are many versions of the answer But the most plausible seems to be that it is a much editorialised subject on which the Acharya, too, has written. It did not matter if some members did not know what Rabat was and where it is. It was enough that the leaders did not have to lo any home work on it. For the Congress Party (Opposition) there was their "Working Comimtice" resolution on the subject For the Jana Sangh there speeches and statements. And Piloo Mody had the ready "who cares" refrain to fall back upon

There was general agreement among the non-Communist, non-DMK opposition groups that Acharya Kripalani would open the attack on Rabat The PSP was also assured that the adjournment motion did not amount to a censure of the entire Government and that, at the worst, Duresh Singh could be made the scapegoat or the fall guy as the tallied with the PSP leader- treatment meted out to India item published -Ed, S.W.

But the apple-cart was virtually upset when the next day Piloo Mody moved the adjournment motion How did it happen? One explanation was that it was nearing 1 O'clock by the time the adjournment motion was taken up and Acharyaji had to go home for lunch Similarly the reason for starting the discussion at 4 pm and letting it drag on until 945 pm – instead of taking it up soon after the lunch recess-was said to be to enable Kamaraj and S K Patil to have their afternoon siesta. In other words, it was to be a very comfortable coup, without causing any inconvenience to those who are out to replace the Government,

The Treasury benches too, had their bagful of tricks Fakhiuddin Alı Ahmed was the secret weapon, to bore the members stiff and send them home before the time for voting He did a splended job of it, giving a blowby-blow account of what hap-pened at Rabat If he had not been so deadly. Covernment wanted to field Panampilly Govinda Menon to expatiate on the legal aspects of India's exclusion from the Rabat conference That would have made Raghuramiah's job of enforcing the whip doubly difficult Even without Panampilly's intervention the debating honours were one-sided, with only Chaudhuri Randhir Singh speaking and Sheo Narayan not joining in

Another mystery was how did Asoka Mehta confuse Niger for Nigeria even after Acharya Kripalani had mentioned it correctly? The facile alibi was that were Balraj Madhok's famous there was a misprint in Pran Chopra's pamphlet on the subject. That icminds me of the chap who was asked to copy out a composition by his class teacher Finding a dead fly on the original he produced a prototype The long and short of it is that it is foolish to seek to censure the Government on a relatively remote foreign policy subject And the upshot was a "legal insanity" to borrow the phrase of King Hassan of Morocto borrow the co. With the critics crying hoarse that Rabat was a national humi-Americans say. That salved its liation and the Government pro-"progressive" conscience and also testing equally loudly that the

"assurances" to Mrs was improper insulting etc., Parliament endorsed India's abortive attempt to gatecrash there Can there be a better anti-climax?

> Piloo Mody's was a sparkling script, brilliantly rendered But it was meant to be the opening speech and not a reply to the discussion. A competent performer, Piloo could have skipped some portions But he would not because he wanted the entire thing in the Parliamentary re-cord. With the result, some more back-benchers called it a day

The report will not be complete without a reference to S A Dange's constructive contributton According to the Communist leader, the Lok Sabha should censure the King of Morocco, not the Prime Minister of Indial But last year when some members wanted to criticise the Soviet occupation of Czechoslovakia, Dange had said Russia was not responsible to Indian Parliament And M L Soudhi would not agree.

To borrow Piloo Mody's rhetoric, nobody really cared for what happened at Rabat, They were more keen on voting And when the time arrived for a count down, Kamaraj, unused to the gadget, pressed the wrong button Anti-climax again

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Evolution thro' split

ed from making public its views even unprofessional bragging on the current crisis in the Congress Party. There are As the readers of this journal, sedately praying the sheep has been proved wrong After several reasons for this but one discerning students of affairs raising methods in Australia all, what is more heartening to of them is most certainly not all, know, the HVPO does not The HVPO considers this an individual and a patriot than out as the real one. an incorrigible tendency to play safe and never come out with findings before such findings become irrelevant or events have clarified themselves beyond doubt.

have treated such insinuations deserves, but it is being borne set by such calumny. in on the IIVPO that in these unregenerate days, a kind of We are, at any rate, in ex-Gresham Law is inexorably in cellent company. It used to be logy out of circulation and the Gandhiji and others were ar- has not been dictated by any- worked out on the probabilities

THE Indian Institute of Very time has come to set out one's rested in 1942 and the large thing so chicken-hearted and Private Opinion has, by a own credentials even though it parts of the country were craven as the fear of being self-denying ordinance, refrain- smacks of ungentlemanly and paralysed by Quit India volun- proved in the wrong. On the

what envious rivals have put publish its findings until it is entirely becoming conduct of a to be proved wrong in gloomy absolutely sure of its facts as responsible newspaper since predictions of disaster? well as its theory. This has in what was said in the heat of IIVPO does not, for one, set its the past led sometimes to its the moment may not be the professional rating higher than predictions coinciding or some- best comment on the situation the country's interest and it retimes catching up with the pre-created by the Quit India reso-joices whenever its dire predic-dicted events themselves This lution The same newspaper's tions have been proved wrong. has led to the fibes of the kind regard for acuracy - exempli-Normally, the IIVPO would referred to earlier, but none fied by the legend about its with a scholarly conscience and reluctance to publish an obitu- IIVPO is loth to be a Cassandra. with the contempt it richly regard for accuracy will be up- ary before checking with the What is casier than being a

teers turning everything upside contrary, the IIVPO is proud down, it carried an editorial of the number of occasions it regard for its highest standards of journalism

As a matter of fact, the deceased - only reinforces my prophet of doom? Human affairs being what they are, the chances are that things will go wrong even without your sayoperation: in other words, bad said of a famous newspaper in Setting to the IIVPO, its uning so There is an interesting psephology drives good psephothis country that the day after willingness to rush into print model that the IIVPO has

CONFERENCE ON Sheep Breeding Policy

"A little vagueness does not matter as long as our policy is woolly'

Poor little rich girl!

(The British Queen is unable to balance her books although her privy purse amounts to £ 475,000 a year. - News item.)

W/HAT a tragic biz To be like Queen Liz With only just dozens of dresses Any woman would wail To wear the same stale Jewelled diadem on her tresses

It must be a bore To have servants galore And plenty of time for one's leisure

And castles with moats And horses and boats

Which can only give headaches * not pleasure.

To make it still worse She gets a paltry purse £ 475,000 a year how shockingl Makes us red in the face To think of her case. Of our own poverty let us stop talkingl

LEONORA

ourselves with saying that it of the people in the Congress ed country turns on what we have christened the "Hardy Syndrome" after the famous novelist As P G Wodehouse once put it, Hardy's philosophy was to the effect that just when you are particularly pleased with yourself, Fate was getting ready to land on your solar plexus a powerfully propelled leadpipe

to, you may be wondering Well, you have reason, as the French say The fact is, the HVPO is about to launch a theory that for once is going to be optimistic, though in terms of the Hardy Syndrome it may be proved wrong. This makes you sit up, does it? How, you ask incredulously, can anyone make an optimistic prediction about our polity at a moment like this? Well, for one thing, the split in the Congress will, as lesser beings than the HVPO have said very unoriginally, make for greater ideological clarity. But the IIVPO's optimism is based on the momentous importance for political sociology of the nature of the split in the Congress The point that the IIVPO is trying to make is this for the first time, considerations other

(Opposition) and Congress (Government) has been on the basis of political differences They may not be ideological differences but they are, none the less, political differences

dull tomes that the American caste affiliations scholars are for ever produc-What is all this leading up ing proving how caste-ridden

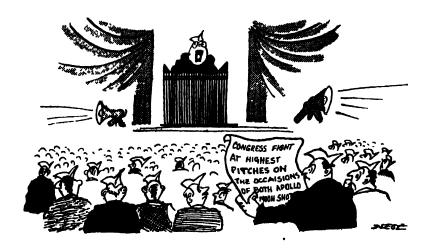
of gloomy predictions coming than castes and other local and Indian politics are and how politics has a spring of action true as contrasted with hopeful traditional loyalties have pro- "traditional loyalties instead of that is no longer caste-based The odds are fourteen vided the motivation for politi-functionally significant com- What is the caste factor that to one that your predictions of cal action. In other words, disaster will come true. There here is the first major instance is no space here to explain the m which political considerations bedevilling the politics of Singh, and Mrs Gandhi to Jag have provided the basis for India and keeping it for ever Jivan Ram? We have left theoretical basis for this con- have provided the basis for India and keeping it for ever Jivan Ram? We have left clusion and we shall content clash. The banding together as a politically under-develop- caste behind and have become In the United overnight States of America, they keep societies telling us, they behave like mature political systems and they are amenable only to great momentous significance political pressure groups and of the split. Whatever else not to the blandishments of happens, we have arrived at a You may have read all those traditional easte loyalties and bi-polarity of political behavi-

> For the first time, Indian

mature

This, IIVPO believes, is the our and Jai Hind for it

JASON



"To save the Congress from further disruption we should appeal to the U.S. not to launch on any more moon shots

Shankar's Weekly 28 Movember 1966

Another moon landing



Correspondence

Dear Mrs. Gandhi.

Candhi. I am sure, left to tantra Party excluding its Kerala contradictions, which is why ing it as the apple of the eye.

Yourself, you sure would have unit. (The Kerala unit of the old Krishna became so terribly Certainly I agree (how can I great men as Alexei Kosygin, tionary organisation by associate and others are addressed in such fashion. Kerala Congress which had I haven't given a thought to lit does not mean disrespect in accepted the Swatantra prohim. Who's he? Yahya, Mao, Nijalingappa. Morarii. Ram any way; in fact it is an ad-dress of extreme respect and the new Government.) Only let even terror. It is as good as us agree with you without your I'm sure you will agree with saying 'your ladyship,' a manner of address, which you, this might appear curious to brought up in the traditions of those who do not know the got to be contained. One way the strike provided the strike the British socialism (Koni Zilliacus intricacies of dialectics.—Yours of containing communism is through Preventive Detention. will respond to.

But let us forget this little Dear Amrit, disappointment. Let us remind ourselves of the tasks before us, which is the isolation of the main enemy. Please don't so often and at bother to agree with us, which is the isolation of the talk about it so often and at bother to agree with us, which is the length, that I am sure it the talk about it so often and at the length, that I am sure it the length that I am sure it

nerable in the face of the on- even wrote to me about it in that the great Soviet working It is a pity you will not let represented by the Syndicate, Krishna. Dialectics, I undermunism. I have little doubt us address you as Comrade the Jana Sangh and the Swa- stand, has something to do with that this is the same as guardlet us do that, since even such Swatantra Party is a revolu- contrary.

Your letter is interesting. hight make your position vul- is fun. If I remember right, he

Nijalingappa, Morarji, Ram Subhag? Or the communists? S Amrit. My father had also great use of Preventive Detention. I see no from his path. Don't you see the point?-Yours etc.,

Dear Mrs. Gandhi,

Certainly I agree (how can I disagreer) with whatever the great Soviet working people say, and you, with more dependable lines of communication at your disposal, are in a better position to know what they are saying at any given moment

In this situation we shall support the extension of the Preventive Detention Act, which under the sectarian leadership of the adventurests we had earlier branded a Black Act. If reason why we should deviate the life of your socialist government depends on the PD Act, we shall back you. We shall Indira Gandhi democratise the Act, and make it a really broad-based PD movement. It the Syndicate movement. It the Syndicate I see from your last letter (and the Swatantra and the

munist Party, guided by the in-Leninism, is the only organisarevolutionary characteristics. These are at your disposal in your struggle against reaction. We have no doubt that you will use it against the cnemies of the nation, in other words, against the wreckers of united fronts, whose names I have no present

Meanwhile, we are actively considering the changing of our party's name which currently is the Communit Party of India (Un-Marxist) to the more practical Communist Party of Indira. Your can disown us of course But we shall continue to stick to you, guided by the infalliable doctrine of Marxism-Leninism -Yours etc.

S Amrit

Dear Thirumati Gaudhi,

We have been cogitating upon inditing an epistle to your good and gracious self in the the secessionists, but with the light of the present changes to-requisecessionists! wards progressive socialism taking place in New Delhi, a deve-lopment which is entirely in keeping with the vision of the

Jana Sangh fascists) oppose late Arignar Anna, the undisthe Act, then dialectics tells us puted leader and teacher of the that there must be a progressive formerly Dravidian (and now, content in the measure. We anti-Syndicate) people of Tamil shall believe in this content and satisfy ourselves that our support is legitimate. The Company of the content o whom we once staged a violentfallible doctrine of Marxism- ly friendly demonstration which was grossly misrepresented by tion which is capable of such the discredited, diabolical and adaptability, inventiveness and delinquent Damaraj-Kamarajmental fickibility, all truly clique) who wrote you letters to teach you all about socialism. I have written a number of screenplays to the people of Tamil Nadu extolling the virtues of socialism. We have shown, in opposition to the Communist Margists who believe in getting locked in huts and being burnt, desire to mention for the that socialism needs no violent revolution. Socialism can be brought about through allitera- Dear Thiru Karunanidhi, tion. Anna was a master of alliteration, and Tamil Nadu's socialist revolution (which is ex-clusively confined to the screen so as to cut out possible violence) uses it generously every one alliterative passage which Kamaraj used at Virudunagar, we used a dozen, nay, a hundred We offer you all our powers of alliteration in your struggle against the Syndicate.

> We also support the requisitioned meeting of the A-ICC. Our beloved Anna, had he been alive today, would not have resisted the pun: 'we are not with

The End



"A whole generation of fast bowlers is coming up."

Your letter gave me great joy and inspiration. I am a movie fan myself, and was moved by the familiar THE END. I have always believed that movies ought to be made instruments of socialism. I was gratified to understand recently that most cabbies and scooter rikshaw men go to the movies, braving the restraints imposed on them by monopoly capital The Syndicate underestimated them.

Regarding your views on how best to achieve socialism, while I might not agree with them, you have every right to hold them. In fact each state of the Union, in the present situation, should achieve socialism its own way, according to its own native -Yours etc., genius. If films are the best Mu Karunanidhi, way, by all means use them.

Should we implement the Khosla Committee's recommendations or not? Let us know. And don't worry about the TNCC, and if it comes to that, not even about C. Subramaniam.

After all, you and not the TNCC are the true nationalists. I realise that the DMK had all along opposed the separatist elements in the North who had wanted to break away from the Union. The DMK had stood alone, often too much alone, in its nationalism, because of which you were mistaken for a separatist party. But I had known all along that you were not separatist and that you would rally round to fight the Syndicate. It is separatists like Kamaraj who have been trying to make the split look like a North-South affair, holding up the Nijalingappa-Kamaraj combine as a Southern movement against the Northern requisitionists' alleged domination. The split is vertical, which means it it not a horizontal North-South. split. Kamaraj ought to be challenged for dishonouring a national symbol, namely the split. He has tried to introduce separatism into it. I am happy you have stepped in.

I do appreciate the puns. In fact what is socialism but a play of words, and the revolution but a metaphorical screenplay?

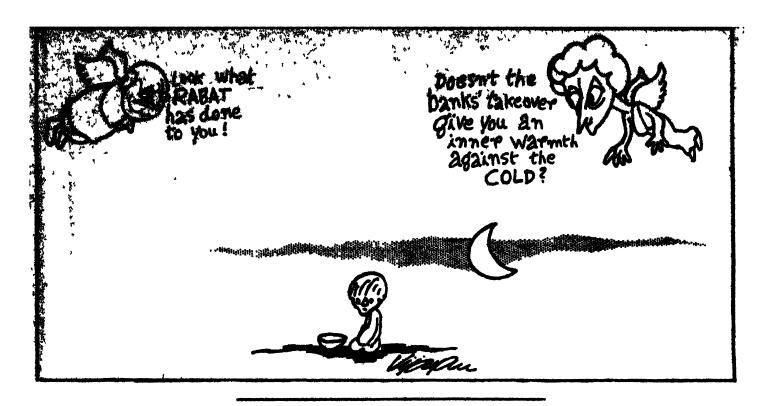
Goodluck to all your development projects.

> -Yours etc.. : Indira Gandhi

> > CACTUS



'I saved up my Diwali crackers for your next public meeting.



The King-maker and the President (With spologies to Lowis Caroll)

(This is the saddest moment in the history of the Congress.

-From the text of the C.W.C. resolution expelling Indira Gandhi from the Congress.)

THE King-maker and the President
Were chatting with their band.
They fumed like anything to see
The P.M. take a stand.
If only she were sent away,
They said, 'it would be grand!'

If seven eides with seven pens
Wrote letters hinting clear
Do you suppose, the President asked,
That she would run with fear?
I doubt it, said the King-maker
And shed a bitter tear.

O, indire, go and talk to them,'
A C.M. did beseeth,
'A friendly talk, a pleasant talk.
You've been out of reach.
We can invite our close colleagues
To each side, three each.'

The time has come, the President haid,
To falk of many things:
The dominance of the Syndicate,
And the unity it brings,
And why we all are builing-mad,
And whether puts have wings!

Now wait a bit,' the P.M. said,
Why give out tit-for-tat
'Withdraw the charge-sheet you have served
Before we have our chat'
'Good gracious!' blanched the President
'Afraid we can't do that!'

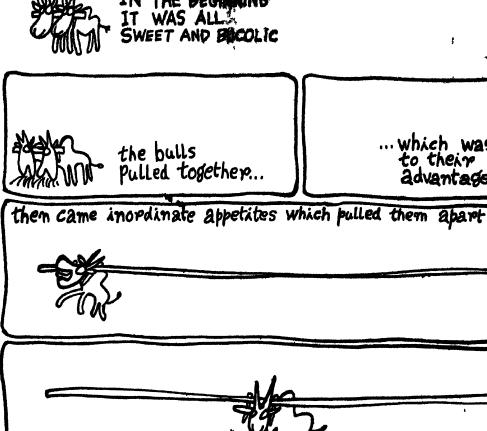
'It seems a shame,' old Leo said,
'To play her such a trick
But we've stuck out our necks too far,
We must take action quick!'
The Satyagrahi said nothing, but
His pale chops did lick.

I weep for you! the President said, I deeply sympathise.' With sobs and tears he wrote out The Resolution-lies Holding his khadi handkerchief Before his streaming eyes!

'O, Indiral' the President wept,
'Electing a new leader now
'We must go about.'
Which sounded strange 'cause she is still
The P.M. without doubt!

LEONORA





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while the other followed the proverbial bull's conscience a

and a great adeological pattle followed



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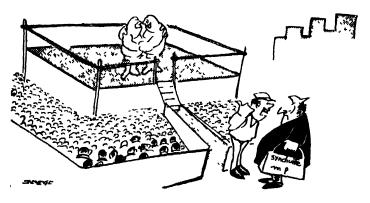
The Polarisation

Gandhi sending not only Mr if they have to depend on com-Dinesh Singh but also Mr. munist votes to survive,—the Dange to bat, Mr. Ramamurthy Communists being made out by and Mr. Manoharan rowing in propagandists of the Syndicate by tradition and faith any political party which wants to succeed and the odds are that if the PSP and SSP continue their tight-rope walking, as they did in the adjournment motion Sabha, there will be little to decide when 1972 comes Mr S M Joshi seems to have realised this but it is as yet uncertain if his influence and the lessons of the voting on Monday could make the SSP, and the PSP too, more realistic about the future.

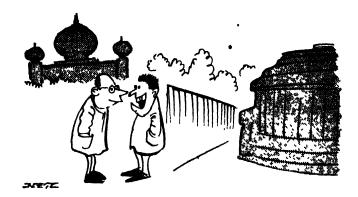
To come back to the new-look of the Lok Sabha, all parties in the confrontation have yet to consider the long-term effects of to mean as special (unpolluted?) the Congress split and their credit for her strength consequent changed positions in the House This seems to be

AT SEVENTEEN, going on cial Congress" than others. While eighteen, India's Parliament for the two communist parties has got a new look, which if it and the DMK, as well as the lasts till 1972 can offer any num- many smaller groups in the Opber of possibilities for our politi- position, the choice has not poscians. Like for instance, Mr ed any serious problem in view Ram Subhag Singh finding him- of what they consider to be a self in the role of the Leader combined threat from a Rightistof the Opposition, albeit a Con- communalist alliance, Mrs Gan-Opposition, and Mrs. dhi's followers are still not sure a team Only Mi Madhu & Co. to be sort of neo-untouch-Limaye and Mr Dwivedi are ables The kind of relief some still not sure if this is the real of them have been shown to thing or if they should wait till display after the analysis of the tion born of complacence and clude the communists also, and the Jana Sangh, the Swatantra voting on the adjournment moand the Syndicate could jointly tion on Monday was known, was perform a yegna to end the undoubtedly a reflection of the Congress, to which purpose as impact of the insidious propa-"Socialists" they are committed ganda carried on by the Syndiganda carried on by the Syndi-But cate and its allies that Mis doubts are the worst enemy of Gandhi can survive only with communist (polluted?) support Nobody has cared to ask why the support of the communist parties, Gandhi to survive not only 1972 But then there is still returned equally as they are by communist and DMK support, much hesitation to overcome on support of the communist parties, adult franchise, should be untou- as well as the support of mmo- this score in her camp on the Rabat issue in the Lok chable, particularly for a government which professes to follow socialist policies Thus it was Mr Piloo Mody's specific call to the Prime Minister to resign if she cannot show that she has a majority in the House without Swatantra-Syndicate axis Which as well communist support that set the is what both Mr Dange and Mi pattern for headlines in the next Ramamurthy as well as Mr Ma- Sangh to the ruling party benmorning's newspapers they scored even without the ed to indicate The latter partied to the defection to the Opcommunist support, the Prime cularly, made it clear that his position from the Congress side, Minister's followers have taken party's support to the present are nevertheless pointers to fur-

But this is precisely what can more true of Mrs Gandhi's "offi- land her in a dangerous situa-



"They are friends and might put up a sham fight. Would you make a disunity bid?



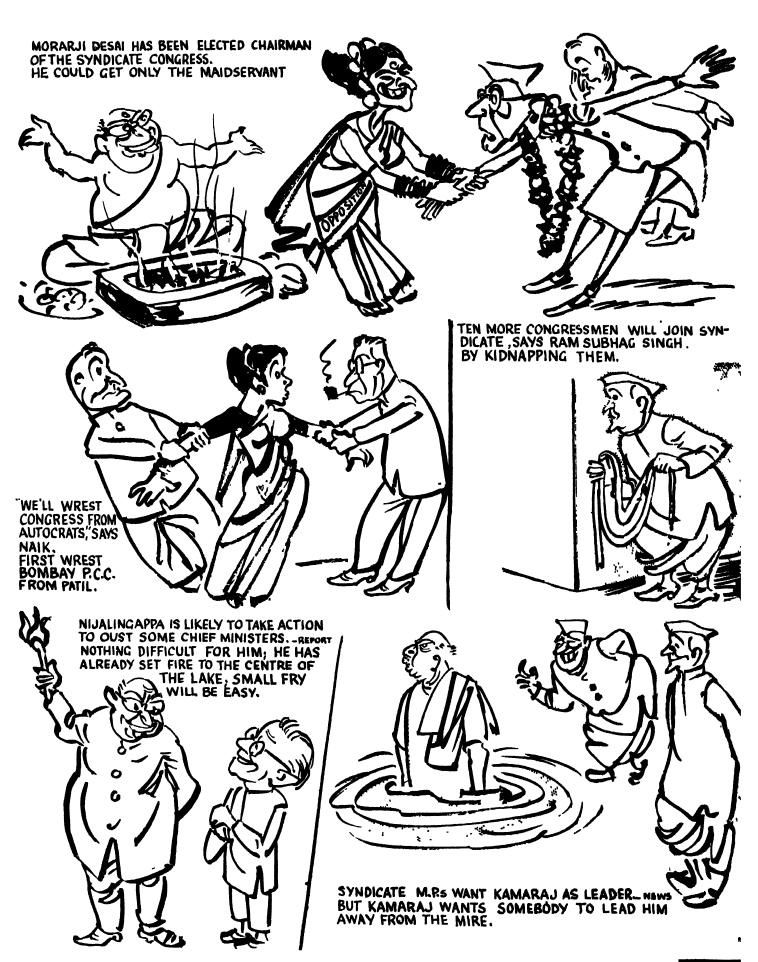
"Political instability is really a boon Ministers are staying at home and Goet is saving on their foreign tours

the counting of numbers, any Congress party as a temporary reading of party alignments and phenomenon and to work for a preferences in Parliament, as it compromise which, however, could only indicate that for Mis nties like the Muslim League and the Akalis, is a must but also that such support cannot be ing party and the changing of taken for granted in all circum- places in the House for the stances simply because there is others have created no small proa threat to her from the Sangh- blems in the Opposition camp That noharan in their speeches seem- ches, though very small compargovernment was conditional and ther shuffling as the two sides qualified and would continue continue their attempts only so long as the Prime Minis- capture more and more followter did not stray from her "socia- ers list" path. The two spokesmen impact on issues which come up of the two communist parties, before Parliament in this session on the other hand, have As Mr C C Desai has already declared their support in the shown by his demand for the respecific context of the Rightist signation of the Gujarat governchallenge to capture power at ment, during the calling atten-the Centre, which cannot be a tion notice on Monday on Ahlasting excuse for Mrs Gandhi medabad riots, quite oblivious Already, these parties have de- of the embarrassment he was clared their determination not causing to Mr Ram Subhag to let the government extend the life of the Preventive Detention Act. Other issues like the privy purses and follow up measures to bank nationalisation will automatically come up The question therefore Mrs Gandhi has to decide is whether she is prepared to acknowledge the obvi- session must see a crystallisation ous, namely that she can con- of these conflicts as well tinue only with the backing of the Left parties, which must in-

caution where one would think consequently by accommodatthe need is to assert more the ing their viewpoints in her govsocialist orientation she claims eriment's programme The alterfor her government Apart from native is to treat the split in the exists after the Congress split, man not ensure her success in 1972, or even continuance till

> Meanwhile, the split in the rul-The defections from the Swatantra and the Jana This is bound to have its Singh sitting by the side of Mr Ranga. The discussion on the Ahmedabad riots also brought into sharp conflict the SSP and Jana Sangh, though the two later joined forces to attack the government on the Rabat issue The coming days of the winter

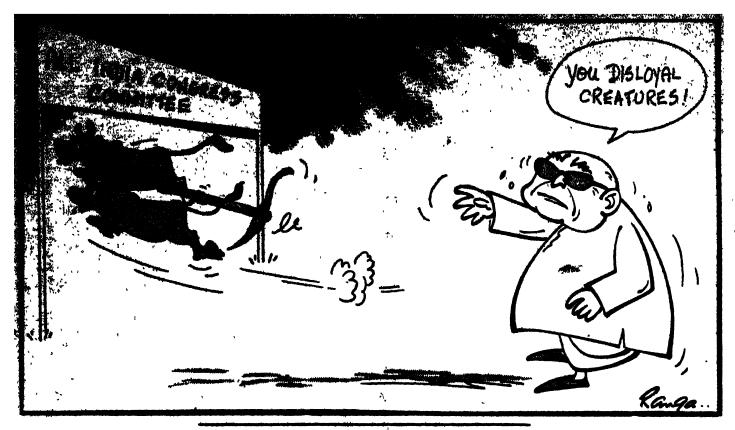
> > ABSENTEL GALLERY MAN





YOURS... DELIGHTFULLY YOURS!





The Congress Conundrum

TN the beginning IT was tion? This Vishistadwait pola- these who call themselves desi Government, the pro-Govern-there. In the end IT shall rization was these ever since in- socialists, Nijalingappaji and ment Opposition and the antibe there. Add IT to to IT it dependence if not earlier. becomes IT, or subtract IT from IT it remains IT.

"No, no. This is the end of it. Though somewhat confusing."

"What in the confusion? You are only seeing two images of a single reality. It is all Maya. Did the Congress become different when IP's socialists were cut out from it? Or, when the oka Melita socialists were added to it?".
"It dien't.

Yet what has hap-in definitely un-line part of the tile government. part opposes it off-

Don't you confuse me further thematics. To me it looks as gorles? though there will soon be a coa-

others.

"But why should a coalition with your metaphysics and ma- be only of one of these two cate-

"What else have you really?" You agree there are three lition government led either by You agree there are three Indira Gandhi's socialists, or by groups in the Lok Sabha: the

Government Opposition?
"Well?"

"So long as G is bigger than the other two put together, G continues to be in power with-out any coalition."

"But I don't think it will last

Then, secondly, there can be a coalition between the G and pro-G.O. supposing they toge-ther outnumber the anti-G.O?" "Sure."

Thirdly, there can be a government of anti-G.O. by itself if it can outnumber the combined strength of the G. and the pro-G.O.

"Though I don't see the prospect, I concede it is a probabi-

"Now, consider the fourth and simplest solution. Why not have a coalition of the anti-G.O. led by Ram Subhag Singh and the C led by Indira Gandhi?"
"It will be merger then?"

"Not necessarily. Both the blocks will continue to keep their separate identity but will form a coalition government. That is, a government jointly headed by the ruling Congress Party and the Opposition Congress Party!"

R. L. M. PATIL

Ode To End All Odes

T'LL admit you're a with-it Artist, satirist, wit; But must you mount such balderdash, O dear, dear Mr. Nash On a poor and limping Pegastis -"Is it wise; is it - sagasus?

At this, Ogden only smiled sadly. The I'd imagined he'd take it badly; Said he: I own, as a rhymester, Im a temble crimester; To convert or contact my suffice wry lots design eardinacte — But you lignant, I never, m Into cipus auralopicus —
Regging pour pardonicus.
And out here, in the US, somehow
They would be as a sacred now —
A kinda himitalienu, you know,
had him a simply so,
Beigns I reign fer my Thesaurus, a missile handy,
(I care simple you, I'm no non-siolent Gandhi)
Will ha mainte younce, do the Indian rope trick,
Misse signific vamoose, do the Indian rope trick,
Misse significant particles in the manuscrous.

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R. PARTHABARATHY

Time to Rest

bers of the biggest democracy has been ordered to be hangon earth, often talk irresponsibly ed for abducting a child, they about the virtues of dictator-claim, "This is what we need ship. If a train arrives late or here!' their baggage gets put on the wrong 'plane or the price of sweet-meats goes up despite sugar being half as costly now as twelve months ago, they have only one comment. This have only one comment. could not have happened if we had a dictator at the helm of affairs.'

When the litter they throw out on the streets is not cleared by the committee's sweeper by the next morning, or they get a wrong number on the phone or a government official is not to be found in his office at the time which he himself had fixed or when nothing happens to people who evade ocwhen undeserving people are day. promoted or appointed out of turn or politicians make spectathey raise their eyes to the heajust but strong and ruthless dy) they have cut tradition man to parachute down and aside When General Yahya take charge of the country. Khan came to power, he abo-When they read in the papers lished the holiday on October

But let all these good people ponder over the news which appeared in our papers three weeks ago that in Cuba, Dr. Fidel Castro has issued an or der cancelling all public holi-days except Christmas till the Sar crop has been gathered in July 1970. Not a single holiday mind you, whether 'closed, 'restricted' or 'compensatory!' Democracy may move as slowly as a Juggernaut, and like-wise only once a year, or may not move at all or it may even go backwards but it respects human decency and does not strike at the very root of one of our most cherished fundatroi, sales and other taxes or mental rights, the right to holi-

Dictators have indulged in cles of themselves in public, this kind of thing before. With a single stroke of the pen (or vens in prayer for an honest, the sword, if a pen is not hanthat somebody in China has 26, which for the past ten years been sentenced to ten years ri- had marked the day when anogorous imprisonment for throw- ther dictator, and one of a more

MANY of our people, not reing a spent match-stick on the senior military rank at that, clared the day a public a alising that they are memoral and a man in Pakistan Field Marshal Ayub Khan had day. In Delhi, where seized authority. Much of the hearted measures are the resentment against Pakistan's only the schools were closed present regime stems from this the idea being that our state act rather than from their handling of the political situation. Basically, we in India have many things common with our neighbour, and aversion to work six days in a week and for full seven hours each days is one of them.

> Our government which has its finger on the public pulse realises that all work and no play makes the voter a dull boy. It sees to it, therefore, that the number of holidays is not only kept up year after year but also added to on one excuse (or even half an excuse) or another. They cannot, of course, hope to rival the record of prepolice-action Hyderabad where all offices used to be closed on Oucen Victoria's birthday and also everytime a son was born to the Ruler. But they do their best. To the long list of religious, cultural and national holidays, each State has added its own 'day' to mark the auspicious day of its formation Thus we have "Maharashtra Day," "Gujarat Day," rashtra Day," "Gu "Haryana Day" etc

> The J. & K. authorities broke new ground when they declared a half-holiday on the 13th September last to enable peo-ple to go and have a look at the model of a new mosque planned to be built shortly. Other progressive States are sure to emulate this example.

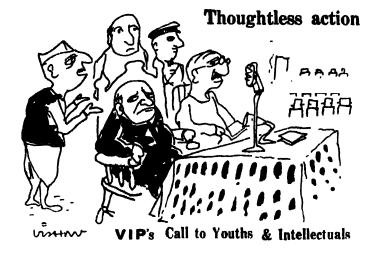
We are an emotional people. We are also very international in outlook and take note of important events in the outside world. When Dr Ho Chi Minh died, the Kerala Government, not content with flying flags half-mast, closed its offices for a whole day as a mark of respect. The Space Research people in U.S., must have worked hard for years to pur two men on the moon but we could at least share in the celebrations if not in the labours which went into making the thing possible. After Neil Armstrong had sent word from 2,40,000 miles away that he had taken the big step of 3.5%?" on the moon on behalf of the whole mankind, Rajasthan de-

ents on whom our future depends, should be fresh and untired when they reach the future.

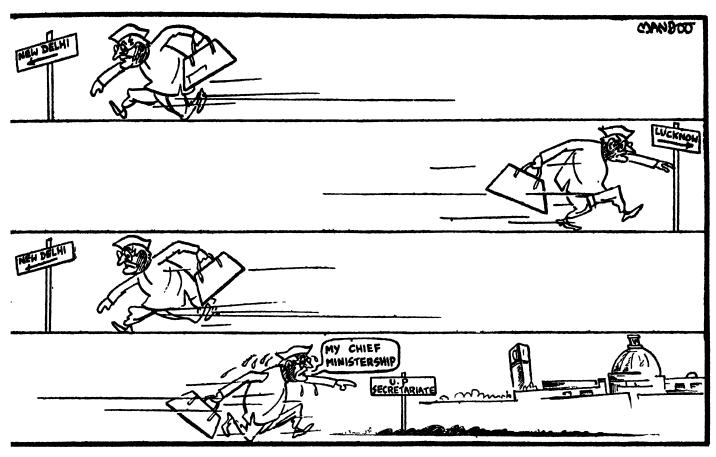
Top national figures, who die in harness working till the vern end, have a special place in our affections. We declare a lock out on the day they die, also on the day their funeral takes place and again on the day when their ashes are consigned to sacred rivers. When the Governor of one of our States died some time ago, another State government a thousand miles away closed down its office+ for half a day, apparently to enable its entire staff to go by air for the last rites. When a Judge or even a retired Judge dies, the courts are closed. We are a law-abiding people! Not for us the empty gesture of two minutes' silence and getting back to work. Our grief is too deep for words, even for silence.

The battle of Waterloo wais won on the playing fields of Eton but our own battle against poverty and food shortage is going to be fought at the Kotla grounds at the end of this month. Lakhs of government officials will take advantage of the concession that those who have bought tickets for the Test' may take the afternoon off, although no more than thirty thousand people in all can be packed in the stadium. Others will fight the battle ip their office itself, armed with transistors, on all the five days.

Exercise: "If a year contains 52 Sundays, 12 'second' Saturdays, 16 'closed' holidays, 2 'restricted' holidays, 'one Test Match, 12 days casual leave, 30 days 'earned' leave, 15 days 'sick leave' on half-play and 2 moon landings and each day has three tea breaks how many more Ministers should be appointed to Central and State Cabinets to achieve a national growth



"We made the mistake of restricting the admission to youth and intellectuals."



Mr. C. B. Gupta expressed regret that his efforts at unity in the Congress failed -Report

The Imprisoned Fair

I AM one of many in Complexcity
Condemned to lave in indolence
Breathing sophistication's air, and
Kicking at the untameable time on my hands.

My spouse is one of the higher-ups
In one of the multi-storeyed Bhavans,
My well-spaced children, a boy and a girl,
In an English-medium residential school.

We get them home for week-ends
And take them to a show or two
And give them a treat at the Globe
And send them safely back.

Oh, the children are growing up fine,
Their English puts mine own to shame
(Albeit I'm Convent-processed too),
And their manners are stunningly chic.

My children are no trouble at all —
They were once when they were babies,
They might pose new problems again
When adolescent, but now no worry.

My spouse is no problem either:

He leaves at eight and returns at ten
And sleeps the sleep of the just
Or dreams of files and phone-calls.

At no time a demanding person,
I should call him a demure person,
He passed his exams, he clicked the Service,
And picked me—the pattern was set

We've connections too that help—
We've moved from tier to tier
From flatlet to flat and flat to bungalow
And have arrived where we are.

The children busy, the husband busy, —
The house my luxurious prison
(Though the envy of my sisters
And my in-laws and friends).

An assignment in London, another in the States, Have helped me charge my rooms With super sophistication, and yesternight The minister's missus turned a shade green.

My spouse seldom shares his thoughts with me, But rather talks to himself about His colleagues' shortcomings and The Minister of State's peccadilloes.

Not a romantic man, perhaps — Bullet-headed and balloon-middled,

Balding fast and bespectacled, Never-smiling, never-frowning, ever bland.

Why did I marry him? But did I?

My parents angled anxiously

For salary and escalating prospects

And Power and steel-strong Security

I've married status and stability
And I'm trapped in this gilded cage,
We've a cook and a maidservant,
A gardener and a chowkidar

Then what's the trouble? The husband away,
The children away, and servants to do
All the necessary and unnecessary work.
What am I to do? That's the trouble!

I spend a lot of time, of course,
Floating in and out of the gooms
And opening and shutting the windows
And putting on and taking out my glasses.

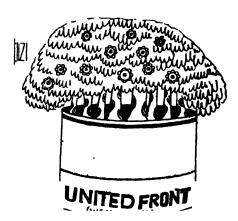
Awaiting the postman and feeling disappointed Turning over the mags and finding them dull Taking up my pad and gold-capped pen But unable to write a single word.

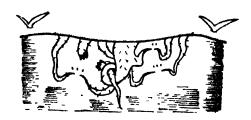
Ruminating o'e'r my predicament Chewing slowly the cud of my listlessness Dreaming of endless might-have-beens Projecting contrasts and comparisons.

I let the minutes pass into hours

Let the hours fill the livelong day —
I doze into every kind of uncase
Muscular, mental, dental

I've visited experts all and sundry Allopathic, ayurvedic, homocopathic Psychiatric, naturo-pathic, yogasan-ic I've diawn blank, my ailments remain







"The way your nod your head for everything, people will think you belong to my Cabinet."

My gruff-and-sturdy father says
I'm grumpy grown and hypochondriac
"You suffer from total worklessness
Physical and intellectual."

That a father should be so blunt and harsh!
Shall I seek a gainful occupation—
Like teaching, reception, public relations?
Shall I attend college again?

Shopping is a stand-by expensive diversion, But to go it alone is unexciting, For 'tis all my man can do to send the car, And I needs must Connaught all alone.

I doubt if I can stick it out long—
I've become too soft, too easy-going.
I'm not like my neighbour socialite
Who's on countless committees

How she crows! how she pullulates!

How she's out of the house half the time

How many de luxe cars pull up at the house-front

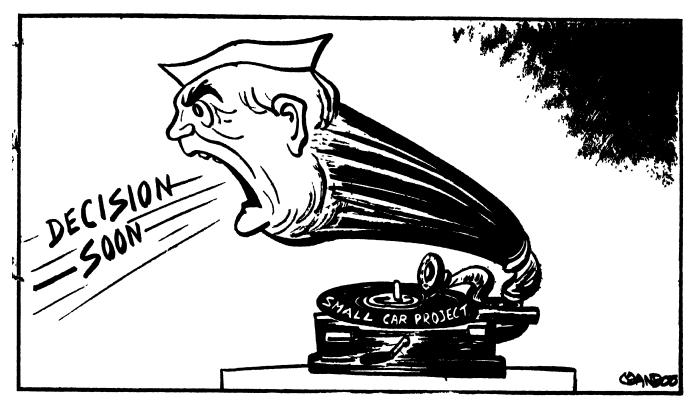
How many parties, how much roistering.

She secretary-generaled the Conference on Selective Family Control, And they say she's put down at least for A Republic Day Padma Shri.

And there's my lucky sister-in-law
Who's at every Embassy party
And at the airport, receiving and seeing off,
And flying, flying—God knows where.

Somebody has recommended Yoga
My nephew talks of commitment
My mother prescribes Ramayana
A friend has loaned me Couples.

Well, well, well, it's all the same
I shall try the psychiatrist once more,
It must be some unknown complex—
Or, perhaps, I should change my glasses again.



The Gott was again criticized in Parliament for the delay in deciding on the small-ear project

Toothpaste Trouble

JF I hate one thing more than curable habit of squeezing the in waste out of a toothpaste tube anyhow. Bertrand Russell tells us that one of the important differences between man and woman is that man gently presses out his toothpaste by carefully rolling the tube from the bottom upwards whereas woman goes at the tube with her thumb and fingers like a Fury and makes a sordid mess of the affair This ertainly is a fact but it infuria-es me beyond description whenever I happen to come face to face with it Prema's tube in the bath-room that morning made my eyes ache, my cars buzz, and my heart take frogleaps. I picked up the accursed object, stomped away into the tudy, flung myself into the deep leathern chair, and snorted like e of the nastier maneaters of umaon.

"What's the big idea?" Prema any other, it is woman's in-trilled, visibly amused, tripping

> 'Put yourself into that chair I said sharply, indicating the second deep leathern chan

> The lady did as she was bid. and eyed me as if I was a bit of moon-rock

> 'Look at this," I snapped, holding up the shapeless atro-

'H'm," said Prema

"Can you recognize this odious object?

"It's my toothpaste tube"

"Does it look like a toothpaste tube?

"What else does it look like?"

"It looks like nothing on earth"

"Could I go now?"

'No "

"But I have work to do

'Let it wait I want this nonsense to stop

"What nonsenser"

"This toothpaste tube non-

"I can't understand you"

"You soon will In such matters you are like one of my mentally retarded students at Rottingbrain, Prema Observe the cap of this tube It is bro

"It's a plastic cap, Tinny's broken " Plastic caps will get

"They won't If you handle them gently You have clearly just listen to me. You've got to been overscrewing it, and over- give up this habit of playing the screwing it on with unnecessary dickens with your plastic caps force. Plastic caps are not de- You've got to take a vow never

signed to be fought tooth and nail, they must be manipulated with delicate care. I have yet to know why women in general and you in particular are so exasperatingly idiotic in the matter of plastic caps. Some-times you leave them half screwed on, leaving the contents to ooze out, sometimes, as in this case, you overscrew them, making them split and make way for the stuff inside to trickle out And the last toothpaste tube you bought went to rack and rum because you didn't seeme the cap to it and it fell off somewhere and was never found?

Im getting late for my cooking, Tinny's father

Hang your cooking You

Progress towards peace



Anti-Vict Nam-war demonstrations were held in many parts of the USA

never to be negligent about them You are a mature woman A good look to this toothpaste tube gently from its place in the baththe largest democracy in the pellenly humped and pitted it is kerchief, I take out the cap with deal with your plastic caps in a torted?" evilized manner Sec The paste has come out and got dried up on the tube. How dirty and ugly and wasteful! Is it the least little bit of a credit for you to be the owner and user of this toothpaste tube? All this made of steel' slovenlmess can be avoided by a little god sense, a little attention to decency, Premawas Mahatma Gandhi great? He was great because he was keenly attentive to little things. Don't let the lessons of the Father of the Nation be lost on you. Mind von: plastic caps

Prema made to get out of her chair. I stretched out my hand and pushed her in

You'll have to hear me out and correct yourself, I said she protested. But"

wife and a mother. A citizen of of yours. Can you see how re- room, I wipe it softly with a You must know how to and turned and twisted and dis- a surgeon's adroitness, I run the

'I can "

"Why have you reduced it to this awful state?"

"Well, you can see it's not

'So what?"

"Even small pressures will make it shapeless

tubep

'I don't have time to waste like of it again" looking at your toothpaste tube

"You must study my tube closely, Prema You'll be charmed by its appearance find its cap all whole, its body clean and smooth. How do I manage to keep it so shapely

'Cut out your buts Give a and smart? Well, I pick it up paste out on my brush witth a very slight pressure at the lower extremity of the tube, wipe the mouth of the tube with cottonfluff, then serew on the cap with fineness and delicacy and deliberation, treat the tube with that kerchief again, and then put it back in its place Every day I roll it a little from the bottom the rind to lecture me on my upwards, I don't knead it with tube! You! That chair will require an msane fury as you do Don't a big river to be clean "Have you seen my toothpaste you to be neat and tidy about toothpaste Soon this house your toothpaste tube, see? Take this, and don't let me see the

> And I pitched the misshapen horror into Prem's lap took it up and rose from her You'll chair I followed suit

> > "Good God!" Prema cried out.

"H'm?" I asked

"And you'd the cheek to harangue me about my tubel"

"You deserved the harangue, Prema Look at your tube

"You just look at yours"

"Co and look at it yourself It's in the bath-room

'It's on the chair you've just left You've been sitting on it all this while What a mess! What a fiendish mess! And you'd get up Hear me out I want your rear's simply dripping with going to be all tooth-paste. shan't wash it up, no, I shan't. You'll have to do the job. Don't stand there gaping. You're runagen
mg the carpet. Run to the bathroom Run! D'you hear? You and your blasted toothpaste tubel You sat on it, man, you sat on it!

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encomiums and gets Vyjayanthi not for anything, raw film will mala too. The mothers get then not be squandered. There is no real sons, daughters or husbands head or tail for the story in this as the case may be

Sethi writes down his address school and for pastime whips on a slip and (no visiting eard please), keeps it on the table to him. His daughter comes home be walted away by the breeze, and reforms him. But before that He does not have the sense to many events pecular to our desikeep a weight on it and so the fillums take place and we constory goes on Are our maternity sider at a waste of time to homes so easily accessible to recount them Suffice it to say, intending child-buyers, and do Joy Mickheiji as the doctor-hero the mations-in-charge distribute brings joy neither to himself babies as they please? This is not the audience. He prescribes the trend we see now in desi castor oil for a sprain Humour fillums. If this be true it is time is at this level, the same stickian inquiry is instituted by the ness and viscosity of a purgative Health Ministry The villains are maintained throughout the discuss big bad plans over the fillium Ashok Kumai and Niiuwires to oblige the hero to tap pa Roy are ill-east, and, the the calls. Dharmendra and Vyja-school box. Mehmood - with the vanthimala get stuck in a lift (can-clad Lalita Pawar are testi-The golden opportunity is wast- mony to such poor taste as our ed and there is an unmspring worthy fillium Moghuls alone song Quantity-wise this film is could exhibit. Some good music heavy-seventeen reels of bore- is wasted on the situations. A hi-bore built on brittle stuff



our mind as we see this picture, such that three-rupee, tickets affan Mercifully it is not This is to come out, find the person have to be sold for two rupees who suggested State control of He could easily spot a few, we films and congratulate him. If thought

fillum tiving to tell us the sad story of a sot who keeps his There is a scene in which the daughter away in a bourding the woodcutters working for word about newcomer Meera She does not display any acting talent nor does the camera flatter her face Mehmood Jr, m Pvar hi Pvar, savs that some The thought uppermost in films produced nowadays are



Dharmendra, Vyjayanthimala

"Pyar hi Pyaı"

AFIER different brands of Pyat, Bombay has now come out with 'Pyar hi Pyar' With two pyars in the title we expect it to be a double-barrelled unpredictability is characteristic of the Bombay fillum world The whole thing here starts with unintentional baby-syaping in a maternity home. When the babies grow up there is a lot of confusion as to whose children they are and who are the mothers. Even the mothers do not seem to know then own offsprings But, for the benefit of viewers, the producers unravel the mysteries towards the end, long afterwards

Son of a rich father (mother unidentified yet) Dharmendia gets enlisted as a CID officer Naturally come prospers till he eries a halt. He loves Vyjavanthimala at first sight and in a pfly is out to give her pyar She has lost her papa and he in the true tradition of our desi heroes swears to find the missing old—man believed muidered Enter Pran claiming to be the real son of Sethu (hitherto father to Dharmendra), and exit hero yielding place to the new son Well, to cut a really long long story short, Dharmendra spots the bad men, Pran included, and gets official



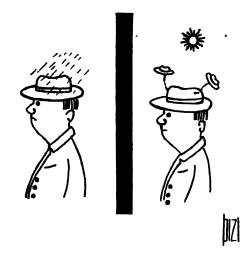
Ashok Kumar

-THEATRE-

In the evolution of Tamil are a band of players freely dis-drama as in any other social pensing what Cole Porter calls transformation, things have falderal frivolity. There is no has effectively shoved to the negligible. I play to amuse background professionals and And if the chap over there amateurs who were good in laughs at my words I consider then time but proved nept at my work a success says he quettish popular glory

come to pass whereby the edu-aura of drama about any of cated and informed have taken. Cho's offerings. His lines are over When things like these loaded with humour, light and happen there are definite re-flimsy as gossamer and evaporatsults. Cho's entry in the Tainil ing as ether. It is almost constage is fraught with such re-trived banter all the way. But sults. A lawyer by profession Cho has no quarters for sensi-Cho (alias Mr Ramaswamy) tive and theatre-conscious fol-has made his own positive con-lowers whose number in his tribution to Tamil theatre. He place, he rightly points out, is

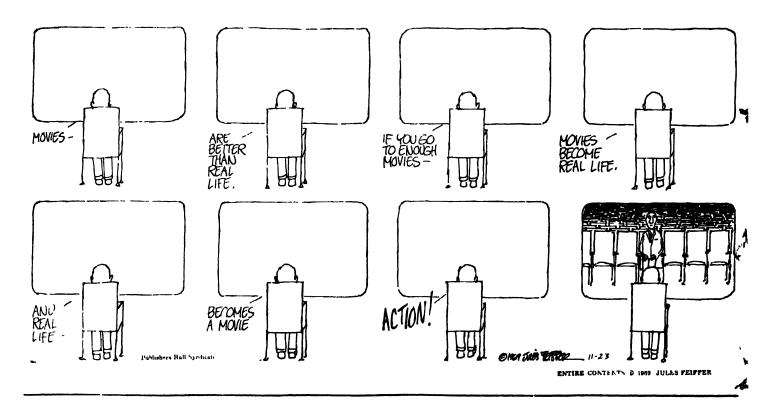
progressive theatre chiefly be- Cho and company were here cause they were just not abve in the capital last week at the This is a historical spoof which. This to such changes occurring else- invitation of the South India by way of concession to Cho's could change course, take to where A theatre-awareness has Club, with five plays offering racy gags, can be termed politi-serious theatre and engage his dawned in the mind of the distraction and fun. Is God cal sature In overt tones it flays boys (many of them are now Tamilian, albeit an escapist Dead' might be reckoned a all and sundry connected with rendered ineffective in show phenomenon Cho and his problem play presented in a the political game manship, stagecraft and theatre friends (Viveka Fine Arts Club, light hearted way. There are It is to Cho's credit that he techniques) in constructive Madias) are directly responsible two (Saraswathiyin Sabatham is aware of his limitations as a play-acting instead of merely the professional and Sambhayami. Yuge Yugo) writer of meaningful drainas voice-projecting. If he does it amateurs (the Club completed with the ridiculous interaction He says he enjoys producing he will be making further conits thousandth performance ie- of human and divine minds, this sort of entertainment. It tribution to Tamil theatre He cently) move about in Madras. Mind is a Monkey' is a desi must be a resigned and not an has the aptitude for it. Has he and its suburbs, handing out. Pygmalion. The most coura-involved enjoyment. Resigned the attitude? trivia and in search of that co-geous (yet, the most popular) because he makes fools of so. They work is Mohammed-bin-Tuglaq many and yet they adore him

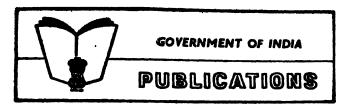


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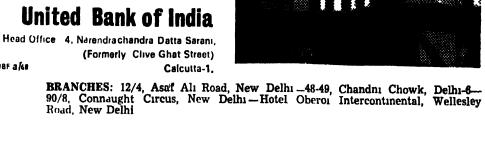
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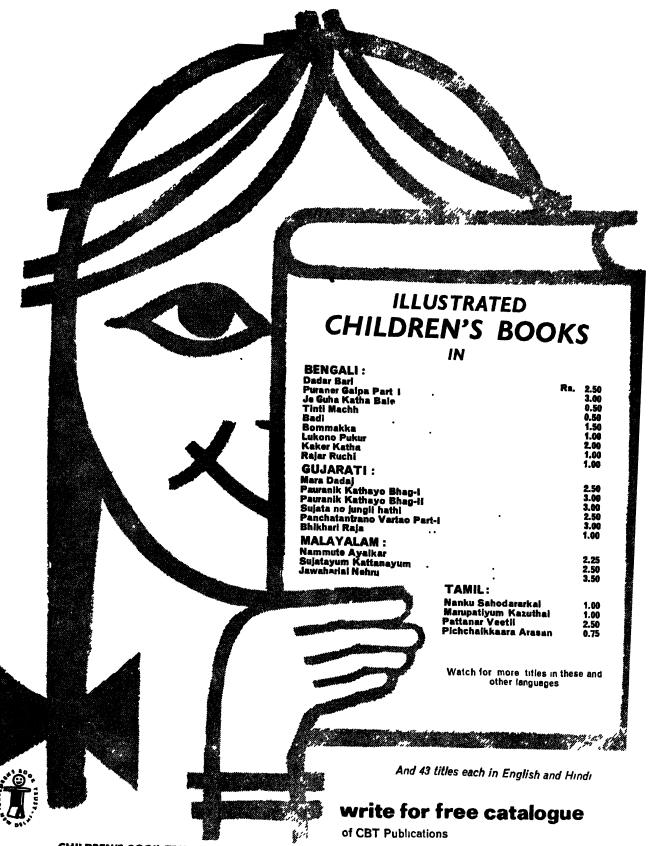
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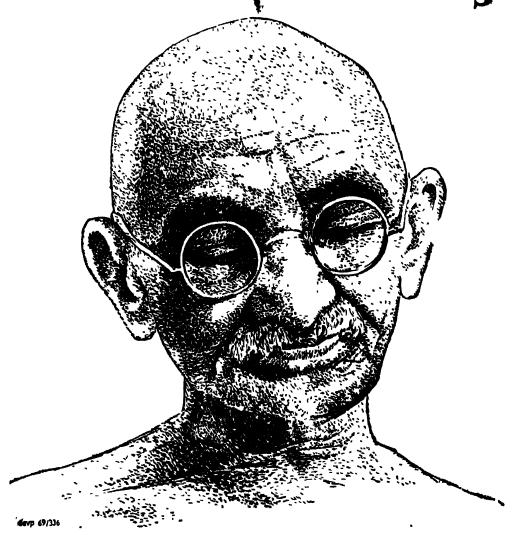
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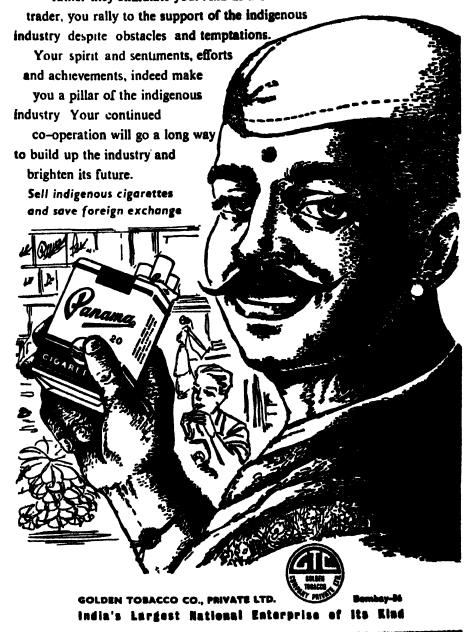
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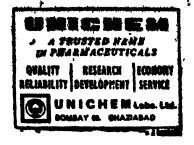


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THE economic programme is the clusive Scarlet Pimpernel of Indian politics. It is here, it is there, it is everywhere yet, it is nowhere. To turn this ancient country into a modern one is obviously not easy. Every minute thousands are born to make it difficult. Capitalism is natural to man with his acquisitive habits and socialism seems unnatural Every time our ideologue astronauts go to the moon, they come back.

In a situation in which the status quo seems to be as inevitable as the need for God, the requisitioned A-ICC., apart from establishing constitutionality and legality, had to accept the rather traumatic experience of a transition. Everything had to be interim, ad hoc, or, thanks to Mr. Krishnamachari, a priori. To confirm the Ten Points, as the Syndicate leaders have done, would have been to confirm the Ten Commandments. In many ways, the Ten Commandments are easier to follow than the Ten Points, for each commandment can be taken by itself but most of the points depend on each other. It is not possible to ensure the minimum needs of the people without doing so many other things at the maximum speed.

Into the welter of ideology or enthusiasm at Delhi T. T. Krishnamachari introduced a strident note of pragmatism This could not be popular. But while annotating socialism and looking at many aspects of some of its main aspects, he did not annotate it into capitalism. T. T. K. has guts and some people hate him for it and others are jealous. He is one of those intelligent men, like Krishna Menon, who are modern in outlook and understand economic working. It is good to invite a bubble-pricker to a congregation of doctrinaire socialists. T. T. K. is suspect because of the subtleties of his intellect but to be afraid of arguing with him is to be afraid of arguing. He is one of the finest intellectual machines that any party can command, and it is not a sewing machine. He is his own thinker and does not depend on American books like Asoka Mehtas of the new Congress His Kaldor-based budget was the first blow for socialism, but its effects were undone by Morarji Desai. As long as there is a frame-work of policy, T. T. K. will be useful for making arm-chair socialism applicable to a modern economy and not a bogey man.

The composition of the Working Committee has raised other bogeys. While ex-Communists would be more useful than ex-P.S.P. men for socialism, Bombay will establish a democratic process, with most nominated members having to get elected.

So far, nothing much can be said to have happened, and history, as Henry Ford said, may be bunk. But it is clear that Mr. Nijalingappa looks like a former President of the Congress, a broken gargoyle from the dusty chronicles of the mast.

The Man of the Week



PLEASE TURN OVER FOR PEN PORTRAIT

The Man of the Week

S UBRAMANIAM is too answer intelligent to buffoonery Nijalingappa's with buffoonery There is an air of studiousness, seriourness, and argumentativeness about him In the Brahmin-non-Brahmin polarisation of Tamil Nadu politics, he is the non-Brahmin TTK, with a cold intellect, precision of state-ment, political astuteness, and distaste for a certain type of politics. In the pol arisation of castes, he is the Gounder answer to Nadar Kamaraj

If T T K is the grey eminence of the new Congress, Subramaniam is a kind of Quentin Durward He knows that the age of chivalry is dead, but he is hoping to make of the maniacs of the Syndicate who believe in the Montague-Capulet spirit a set of decent fighters

Even when the Madras cabinet met occasionally in the house of a newspaper magnate who had packs of cards Subramaniam was u ary. As Central Minister, he uas one of the three responsible for davaluation, but probably not for the followup disaster As president of the State Congress, he tried to put life into it, but Kamaraj preferred to hestride like a Colossus of clay At Faridabad, he produced a programme in prose which the delegates accustomed to platitudes could not appreciate Subramaniam had his sight on the 1972 general election, so had Kamaraj with his single-u ord authoritarianism

Subramaniam is no rabble-There is nothing wolfish, or Turkish rouse r bearish. about him He does not have the common touch He does not stoop to conquer. But the Congress has shown that it can make use of some political and reonomic intelligence when it has to produce a programme which is both grandoise and precise Like T T K., Subramaniam has his fads, but is not a faddist. The new Congress should mean something new because it is led by an intellectual Even if it means catechism and not revolution, the catechist is better than the clown.

THE editor was extremely plugged later on one looks silly. "I think you have lest your happy and visibly excited. He Secondly, what do I know of head like that chap at the emwas also cozing bonhomic be-cause he did not as usual curl

"Is it the third group they are talking of, distinct from the Syndicate and Indicate^{on} I asked in all sincerity

'Stop this tomfoolery," he replied curtly "Don't talk of groups and factions when larger issues like socialism and young blood are on the agenda

Softening his voice, he added "I always suspected TTK to be a socialist at heart Now you have it from the hoise's mouth, so to say. Isn't it great that even as a business man, long before he joined the Government, he was distributing his profits among the people?"

I could sense from the editor's mood that he did not want a discordant note to be struck or whatever the literary blokes say when they discover a rift in the lute Still I exclaimed. "I wonder who those people were among whom the profits were distributed "

"Wasn't it a great idea, knocking the bottom out of the monopolistic cencept of cornering profits and cache-ing them up beyond the reach of the income- Lord Krishna?" tax people?"

I agreed it was

Encouraged, the editor went on "I was told that TTK was actually trying to convert Mundhra to his way of thinking when Justice M C Chagla and others put a spoke in the wheel of progress and forced him to resign Now we know after Chagla's stand on Rabat who is a progressive and who a reactionaiy

I was not so dumb as to fail to guess the purpose of the editor's loud thinking, was a hint to write a report quoting observers or knowledgeable sources that TTK had always been a socialist and that the first lisping noises he made when as a child he began to talk were socialistic in intent, etc etc and that if he had not not been eased out in 1966 he would have converted his sucsocialism No reporter's con- pause science is hurt by such writing.

to presume to write about it?

whole of the Bhagavad Cita He said therein that he was the source of all good and all evil, he was the wind, water and he was the wind, water and "Can I also call him young everything, he was life and blood?" I wanted to know. death, in short, he was all things to all men Similarly, TTK now says he was responsible for allowing some private industries to multiply and he was also the spirit behind the monopolies commission. Both tax relief and heavier taxation are his brainchildren He was a capitalist and also a socialist'

The editor's face showed appreciation but only for a split second The editors develop a knack of not letting a good word escape from their lips about then under-dogs, lest the latter should demand a pay rise.

"It is not a bad idea," he remarked, "provided you can work it into the present context. Do you mean to say the Syndicate me the Kauravas and Mrs Gandhi and her supporters the Pandavas with the backing of

"Exactly," I replied, struck by the editor's command over the epics

"But," he remonstrated, "the Pandavas are supposed to be only five while the others have the numbers on their side

"That can be easily explained," I said "After all, in this nuclear age the Mahabharata need not follow its ancient pattern. We will inject young blood into the old tale. Secondly, with mass media like the radio and television available, why should the numbers be on the side of evil?"

"Don't bring in mass media and other things I don't want them to think that we are criticising All India Radio. You also get assignments from them.' the editor cautioned.

"But what will you do with Note: Items for 'Odd Signs' the Maharaja of Baroda?" cesson Sachin Chaudhry also to editor asked after a thoughtful

is that if a different line is to be flower of our youth."

socialism and taxes and budget bassy party the other night. He went on addressing the ambasup his nose and sniff disdamfully when he entered our cubbyhole.

So I tried a new gag "To sdor's wife as 'His Excellency.'

me," I began, "TTK seems to I don't want Shashi Bhushan fill the role of Lord Krishna in and other Young Turks to take the Mahabharata You know the offence. If you praise Barode famous battle at Kurukshetra too much they will be angry where he spoke extempore the and organise a demonstration here. Forget about Mahabharata and simply describe TIK's socialist qualities-

"By all means I think he is still a member of the Youth Congres. But remember you should not overdo the stuff and rub Subramanyam on the wrong side Don't forget he is also young and a socialist.'

G. S.

-Odd Signs-

A three-line slogan on an "India Government Service" envelope.

WANT DO WISHING SAVINGS

WOULD SAVE AND IN-

IN NATIONAL SAVINGS

At a third-class railway-booking window in Raichur: Book here for stations for

foreign railways.

O At a restaulant in Mussoorie: The medium of cooking is edible oil

A Surat shop sign. xxx Readymade Merchants.

0 Painted sign on lorry, seen in Hospet

King of the Rod

0 At Dharamsala:

Sun & Snow Hotel at stone through.

Sign proclaiming 'no credit' at a grain mill in Madras: Loans will not be accepted.

A Bombay tailoring shop sign: Decent Ladies Tailors.

should be factual and not invented and should as far as possible be in facsimile. Senders science is hurt by such writing. "He is Veer Abhimanyu, the will receive two consecutive Much less mine. But the danger representative of the finest issues of the Weekly for every item published.-Ed., S.W.



Mr S K Patil says he is willing to make a fresh more for unity in the Congress, if the P M desires it

The Arbitrator's Award

Mr C Subramaniam said that the "tuo should settle amicably and decorously the practical problems other well wishers in the town younger sons of the family, grising from the split between themselves—Press reports

WHEREAS certain disputes by give my award as follows. have arisen among the History of the Dispute coparcenors of the Hindu Joint For the better understandpoint me Janus Facing-Bothways son of Julius Even-Handed as the sole arbitrator of the

Family known as the Indian ing of the equitability of my National Congress and whereas award, it is necessary to rethese disputes have reached a stage when the interests of the coparcenors are best served by a partition by meets and bounds of the assets and liability of the dispute that led to the dispute. The progenition of the family was bounds of the assets and liability of the dispute that led to the dispute that led to the dispute that led to the dispute of the family was been disputed to the dispute of the family was been disputed to the dispute of the family was been disputed to the dispute of the family was been disputed to the dispute of the family was been disputed to the dispute of the family was been disputed to the dispute of the family was been disputed to the dispute of the family was been disputed to the dispute of the family and certain related facts that led to the dispute of the progenition of the family and certain related facts that led to the dispute of the progenition of the family and certain related facts that led to the dispute of the progenition of the family and certain related facts that led to the dispute of the progenition of the family and certain related facts that led to the dispute of the progenition of the family and certain related facts that led to the dispute of the progenition of the family and certain related facts that led to the dispute of the family and certain related facts that led to the dispute of the family and certain related facts that led to the dispute of the family and certain related facts that led to the dispute of the family and certain related facts that led to the dispute of the family and certain related facts that led to the dispute of the family and certain related facts that led to the dispute of the family and certain related facts that led to the dispute of the family and certain related facts that led to the dispute of the family and certain related facts that led to the dispute of the family and certain related facts that led to the dispute of the family and certain related facts that led to the dispute of the family and certain related facts that led to the bounds of the assets and liabilities by common consent one Alan The assets and liabilities were of them in particular, one divided and the two branches Mohan Day Karam Chand the Honourable Court which family is an old highly respect. the disputes were taken have ed one until quite recently existence for several years But Nehru added greatly to the been graciously pleased to ap- when it would appear to have as is not unusual with this moral capital of the family on fallen on evil days. There have family, they came together been partitions and title suits within the coparcenors of the lisputes by the mutual consent family in the past: in 1907, for given not without bitter argu-ment, especially about my im-disputes among the then co-partiality and suitability for the parcenors which led to some ob) of the parties on a fee that deplorable public quarrels and founded families of their own, s to be mutually agreed upon, for a short while the family the Indian National Congress lai Nehru, disputes among the

Congresses" friends of the family and the mily became joint once again Party, Praja Socialist Party and carlier coparcenors quarrelled ed by the way, though some once again and the family of them continued caleke out broke into two groups the an indigent existence—the oratwo groups called themselves ginal family itself continued to "Pro-changers" and "No Changers" for reasons that are not labouring produciously to imprehensive and liabilities are not labouring produciously to imprehensive and liabilities are not labouring produciously to imprehensive and liabilities are not labouring producions. again and continued as one family, though from time to time, some members of the family separated themselves from the parent family and

As stated earlier, apart from the partition deed was sub- who left it and founded new sequently annulled and the fa- families like Krishak Mazdoor In 1922, the descendents of the so on-none of which prosperwhich, truth to tell, their descendants have been living rather extravagantly (One of the reasons for the present dispute is the dimunition of this capital)

After the death of Jawahar-Janus Facing-Bothways, son properties were divided. But itself continued as a joint surviving conferences became and julius Even-Handed do here-by the good offices of the family.

| Differ The question was printing the properties were divided. But itself continued as a joint surviving conference became and printing the properties were divided. But itself continued as a joint surviving conference became and printing the properties were divided. But itself continued as a joint surviving conference became and printing the properties were divided.

of feeling on this scemingly casy question, it is necessary acquired a lucrative business called government And as long effective head of the family occasion) and this was not only because branches were managed by belong to both the branches vounger sons of the family who were called "partners" for the But the broad legal position purpose of avoiding income is clear. Under the Hindu Law tax But in 1967, the branches the mere declaration of an inwere, as stated, taken over by tention to separate from the others. Nevertheless, the finan-parent family constitutes the cial powers enjoyed by the partition and all that remains to head office of the business, be done is to divide the party by control.

these were within the family gress, democracy and socialism, The question arose, who should they do not cat together And

to recount that the family had Gandhi, the daughter of the mensuality. said Jawaharlal Nehru should (The question had in fact arras Jawaharlal Nehru was alive, sen twice after the death of the whoever was the nominal Kar- said Jawaharlal Nehru but we ta of the family, he was the are not concerned with the first

immense financial powers Long with some of the younger memafter this deed was drawn, the bers of the family claiming to

But the broad legal position made it possible for the family metes and bound. The status of to keep the outsiders under a Hindu family arises by commensuality and common worship and now it is clear that what-But other troubles were brew- ever they may say about woring during the same period, and shipping the same gods of pro-

the effective head of the family and after a number parate status as two families is ed together in the election symbly. To understand the strength of members of the family conthus established, if not by the bol should be divided into two tended for the position, it was test of common worship, at least and both the branches of the agreed that one Srimati Indira by the test, negatively, of comfamily will have a bullock Candhi, the daughter of the mensuality.

go into the question of division of assets and liabilities, he was running the family business called government. After thou of the position of the instruction of the position of the position of the family name of this death, several things happened Business slumped and by the said Mrs. Indua have both strenuously urged that is more, they have both family name was Gamble, disputes between the the name should not be allow-position of the family name will re
The prancies of the family into being.

Flag. My award on this question is that both parties will renounce the tricolour with the charter and design near flags. more or less mud in business normal Karta of the family, ed to be appropriated by the circles and some of the brain-buc Mr Nijalingappa, and the other Though I have called it ches of the business went into said Mrs Indira Gandhi came to a preliminary point, the parties the hands of junior partners a head It is unnecessary to go urge that it is the essence of the outside the family. Neverthe, into the details of the disputes matter and goes to the root of less, so strong was the tradi- for the purposes of this arbitra- the question. I think that they tion of respect for the family tion except to record that in the exaggerate its importance. After that it was still in control of month of November 1969 mat- hearing both the parties, I herethe head office in Delli. The ters came to a head that the ia- by declare that the question has branch partners no doubt gave only split into two broad bran-the head office trouble from thes. It is again not necessary by the Speaker of the Lok time to time But in terms of for our purposes to go into the Sabha. The parties can continue the partnership deed drawn in composition of the two families to call themselves, until one or 1950, the Head Office enjoyed since it is a confusing situation the other side renounces the claim or time solves the problem one way or another as Congress (Government) and Congress (Opposition) respectively In giving this award, I respectfully record my gratefulness to the Lok Sabha for making such a decision possible for

> The other assets that are in dispute are broadly of two kinds. Tangible and intangible The tangible ones are the election symbols and the flag I call them tangible because though they are really symbols they are the most important things in the eyes of the two parties. After giving anxious consideration, I have decided as follows on the election symbol, subject to what the Election Commission may decide. It goes without saying that if the Election Commission decides by virtue of the powers vested by law in it in a manner different from my award, the Election Commission's ruling will necessarily prevail. In fact I put it to the party that they may not press their exclusive claims to the election symbols before me and let the Election Commission decide But I regret to say that they have refused. So I have to decide the question and maybe my decision may help the Election Commission also After the most anxious consideration that had left me sleepless for four nights, I have de-

cipally about who should be mind the missiness on behalf of the first legal point about se- cided that the two builteds; yellyoked, there is no need to have One other preliminary point the yoke in the symbol. I comcan be disposed of before we mend the thought, for what it is go into the question of divi- worth, to the Election Commission that the Yoke can be given namely, the family name Both as symbol to a third splinter of the branches of the family the same party that may come

> nounce the tricolour with the charka and design new flags for themselves. For a long time, there has been a complaint that the Congress flag is a colourable imitation of the national flag and has led to needless confusion and blurring of distinctions Herein is an opportunity for getting out of needless litigation over trade marns.

> As for the other assets: the arbitrator is under an obvious difficulty here since it is urged by both sides that it just possible that when the existing assets of the party in the forms of buildings and furniture are set off against the liabilities of the the form family in of bank overdrafts and salaries owing to employees, there will be no asset left to divide. The parties thus showed a conspicuous reluctance to provide me with details of the assets and habilities. It was however urged by both that should the accounts eventually show an excess of habilities over assets, it should be assigned to the other. If the assets should exceed the liabilities, the excess should be assigned to itself. This solution, which seems eminently reasonable to each of them, is unlikely to be unacceptable to the court to which I am answerable. I leave the question open therefore till firm figures of assets and liabilities are secured and the resulting figure, whether it is a net asset or net liability, will be shared in the proportion of the voting figures claimed by each for the attendance at the two plenary sessions due to be held next month.

Awarded this day the twenty fifth day of November 1969 and I Janus Facing-Bothways set my signature and seal to it.



"You should be on trim for staging walk-outs"



Both the minority factions of the UP Congress are said to be bidding for the support of Mr Charan Singh aid his BKD

Correspondence

Dear Mrs Gandhi.

I wonder what you expected of us when you chose to split the Congress. If you thought we would congratulate you, then you are in for a big disappointment. We are not going to do anything of the kind, because you engineered the split not to fulfil the national goal of the disintegration of the Congress, but to embarrass the leaders of the working people. It is thus a great insult to the broad

Now let me make myself a clear. It is true that the forces direction We wanted you to disof progress and socialism in this integrate. Instead, you took adcountry had banked on a split vantage of our support and and the eventual dismember-chose to cause disintegration in Congressism was the guiding principle of all united fronts. In dielectical materialists we exfact, even today, there is no pect gratitude in other people way open to the forces of progress other than such total opnight have revealed your real
position to the Cognress. But, intentions. All that you chose you have carried out your neto achieve through the split was which was delivered at my rethis all kinds

flarious and reactionary designs You engineered this split to sabotage the struggles of the progressive masses

When you threw your weight behind the candidacy of Mi Girı we no doubt welcomed it We pledged our support to Giri, without which he might have lost, and without which all the subsequent political developments might not have taken place. In fact, we could have averted a split in your party had masses who will never forgive Reddy But we did not We you. Wanted you to split but split in we merely voted for Sanjiva progressive and socialistic you. This is ingratifude As me.

The events of the last fort-

to strengthen S S. Ray and sidence last night at the stroke Ajoy Mukherjee, who is a law- of twelve I had already sent and-order problem besides be- you a reply because the ading our Chief Minister. This is vance carbon copy of your leta ditty war on socialism and ter had been provided by the an ettempt to make the leaders Intelligence Department Thank fighting people look you for foolish

But take it from us, the fighting people are determined have certain misunderstandings not to look foolish. If need be, regarding the polarization in we will sharpen new weapons the Congress. Whatever might and shape new strategies, he the views of breakway Comrade Stalin advised the Congressmen on the CP(M), working people to seize and the Congress has an open mind utilise the banners and slogans and will not be governed by discarded by the bourgeoisie We will do this We will discover socialist virtues in Atulya Mr Gulzardal Nanda, in whom Ghosh, virtues similar to those you will find a reasonable and discovered by you in the rebel Kerala Congress which had noment of the Congress. Non-the ranks of those who helped cepted the Swatantra program-

> Yours etc. Jyoti Basu

having sent me the original

I am sorry to note that you prejudices. In fact, I have entrusted one of my comrades, understanding friend, to pre-pare a new White Paper on your party I am sure you can help him ir this venture

I had no intention of embarrassing the representatives of the fighting people But as you know, the need of the hour Thanks a lot for your letter, is socialism, and to achieve hich was delivered at my re- this all kinds of things will

sake of socialism, I shall do so most willingly. The country expects the leaders of the fighting people also to act similarly. I request you to take the coming contingencies in this spirit.

I am glad to note that you are trying to discover socialist Atulva Ghosh, an virtues in attempt which according to our Intelligence, you made at the time of the General Elections I wish you success. Incidentally, I too might do the same thousands of people, and there is no one road, and there is no knowing who is bumping into whom The Kerala Congress you have correctly noted, had accepted the Swatantra programme By seeking their sup-port we have saved them from the icactionary ideology of free enterprise Similarly, we have sought the alliance of the DMK in the interests of national integration, of Seth Govind Das in the interests of a solution of the language tangle, of Chandra Sekhar and Chandrajit Yadav in the interests of a lasting peace and people's democracy In sum, all this has been done in the interests of socialism

What this socialism is, time alone can reveal. At present, it is very much like your commuuism, which means it is a muiimum programme of continuing in office Since we have this

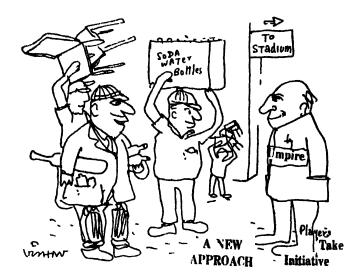
have to be done. If the situa- much in sommon, there is no tion demands that I sacrifice reason way we should indulge my power and office for the in mutual recrimination. We have other areas of agreement too. If we are forced to consider the anti-people's motors (an euphomism) inviolable, you are similarly forced to consider anti-people's rayons in Kerala inviolable Let us remember the motto of all socialist revolutions "The less said the better"—

Yours etc. Indira Candhi

Dear Mrs Gandhi,

I am not sure whether you have brought about the split ur thing Socialism is a movement the Congress with any degree of the people, of hundreds of the people, of hundreds of the congress with any degree of political consciousness cause I see you involved in all kinds of irrelevant national questions without being sufficiently aware of the problems of UP itself However, I am prepared to welcome the split conditionally if you are ready to throw out C B Gupta However, I might withdraw my support to the split if Gupta agrees to back a Ministry led by me But right now, the chances of an alliance between us and Gupta appear to be slender We are a party with in ideology, and therefore will strike a deal with whoever comes to us first. Needless to say that we are opposed to cooperative farming and the pubhe sector For the time being we have no opposition to motorised road traific, but we shall wait and watch -

Your, etc. Charan Singh



"We are taking the initiative this time, instead of playing a defensive game."



"Who was the girl talking to you over there? Don't try to throw moon dust into my eyes."

Dear Mr Charan Singh,

It was kind of you to have written And it was indeed considerate of you to have pointed out my lapses I certainly had no intention of neglecting the problems of Uttar Pradesh Not only in Uttar Pradesh, but m the rest of the world too, a great deal is happening today that is tremendous and exciting Man has walked on the moon a second time, and so what business have we to be shocked if people cross the floor on the earth? After all, the advance of technology cannot be resisted It cannot be resisted even by the sugar magnates.

You are right about the need to stick to an ideology and to strike a deal with the first person who taps your shoulder Please go ahead, and as long a you do not help the anti-socia-list rump of Nijalingappa and Morarji Desai, you can be my ally, even if you have an understanding with Mr. Gupta. After all, who is against understanding? We must have as much understanding as possible Socialism means understanding.

Each individual has a right to seek socialism according to his own individual genius. You certainly are free to establish socialism by resisting coopera-tive farming. The Maharaja of Baroda has promised to bring about socialism through privy purses I am a pragmatist and as such will recognise all roads to socialism so long as they are negotiable. In this connection. your reflections on road traffic appears interesting. I shall give it a thought.

Yours, etc. Indira Candhi Madam,

The composition of the Working Committee has brought to the surface the contradictions of the situation. The people are generally disappointed. Forces opposed to socialism find heavy representation in the Working Committee. We have been ne-We have been kept glected away

What is the lesson? lesson is that reaction will infiltrate the minds of progressive socialist leaders, as it has done yours We are anxious on your behalf This experience also teaches us that the progressive forces cannot relax their vigil-ance We shall continue to be vigilant. We shall redouble our support to you, and though you disown us or try to mollify us with seats in the U.N. delegation, we shall continue to fight for you. We shall also continue to fight for socialism in other areas, by passing so-lidarity resolutions, by dedicating ourselves to the martyrdom of Che Guevara, by extending our hands of friendship to Comrade Kim Il Sung and by accepting invitations to revolutionary rest cures in Tashkent and Sochi.

Down with the Syndicatel-

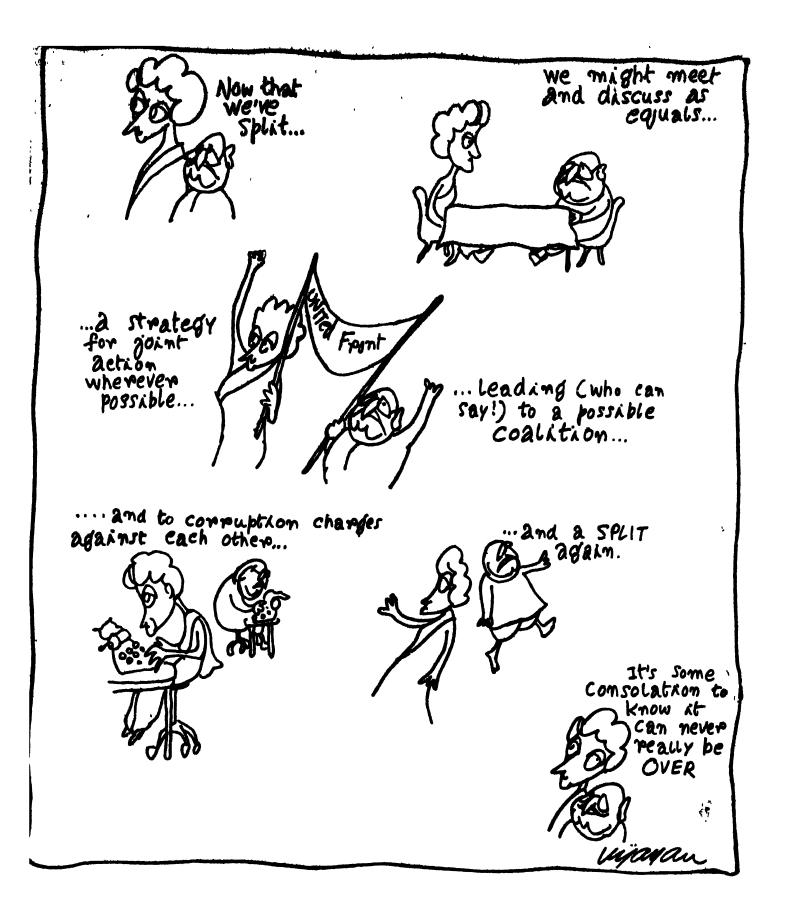
Yours, etc. Young Turk

Dear Young Turk,

That is a good boy. Socialism needs lots of big brave boys. Good luck!

> Yours etc. . Indira Gandhi

> > CACTUS



The brave old world

THANK God, the managerial sars quipping newsmen, "See, in due ceremony at the railway What with idea men surging Smt Indira Gandhi herself giv-ing the appearance of un-Indian was dreadful to contemplate.

Fears have, after all, been hars, ously hoped that socialism was can now sleep in peace.
round the corner (thus render. But the agony of the unreal tened to burst upon us

India might become different rooted. Even if there were two Congresses same opportunity as before of nature, she would come to laneuting it (all the time hoping that the muddling would the samest thing so far done not stop).

alisation was gloomy with Hak- So the delegates were received

States of America or, if you like the National Congress would ased that the Congress, like Kipbusiness efficiency in Satyamur-the Union of the Soviet Socialist sert itself soon, and did it? The ling's East, would be Congress this Bhavan, and has a penchant Republics

Parliamentary Board would not Then there was TTK, and the for the press conference. One Parliamentary Board would not be completed and economic pono changers triumphed hands might still hope that the few though hopes have not been hey would be remitted to a dedupes, for while no one sen- lightful number of panels. One

ing it unnecessary to be disillu- weeks that preceded this happy sioned except artificially like ending will be with us for some Nilamony Routroy), many fear- time Nationalisation brought in ed that India might become its wake new forebodings of efficient and honest-always a evil things to come The Presisignature campaign and All The pleasantest part of the India Radio invested our politics mela at the Vithal Bhai Patel with an American dimension House was that it was just the The managers were irightening-kind of mela that the Congress ly efficient and this, in the enhad always been And what fol-vironment of a constant stress lowed was even more comfort- on science, technology and moable, for one need no longer go dernism, promised to take India about in nervous excitement that apart from where she had been

It was hard to think that (and there are still Indira Candhi was that smart chances of this happening) but harder to resist the logic would not be distinguishable remained to be settled was whefrom the other either in form or ther, continuing on the course in spirit Indian confusion has she seemed to have set for herreceived a welcome new lease selt, she would collide head-on of life and all of us scribes with the Indian reality (win or would continue to have the lose), or, recognising the force

by Smt Gandhi was her accept-The evening of bank nation- ance of the Congress tradition.

revolution has not come off. are we not decisive?" They al- platform or the airport runway, politics except in cities. And the at with idea men surging most looked like being right and there were colourful shamianas cities are not Indial A truth Smt. around the Prime Minuster and the prospect was dreary. Life at both places, and the venue of Gandhi under Smt Indira Gandhi herself givunrelieved by sweet ineptitude, the session itself was replete many others in the appearance of un-Indian was dreadful to contemplate. With the spirit of the Congress. Yet, she may be appearance of un-Indian was dreadful to contemplate. efficiency, one had the cerie Hope had not been complete-flags and buntings apart, the feeling that India was being ly lost, though, that the Indian cushioned platform and the free reduced almost to the United tradition, so ably represented by service at the cafeteria proclaim-

where they were, Seth Govind pletely as to make reconstruc-Das was in their midst! Soon tion impossible. came Smt. Gandhi herself to the microphone, saying almost the a Morarji, they had a TTK. But same thing as had been said by then they had a "CS" for an her father to similar gatherings Asoka Mehta and an Indira for before The whole afternoon a Kamaraji frightening prospect and worse dential let-down was a very neat was spent in speeches, in Hindi If there were still some suspine the context in which it three- affair, expertly managed. The and English, and at the end of cion of a change, it was quickit, it was announced, in typical ly dispelled by the typical reac-Congress tradition, that the next tion to Gaekwad's inclusion. He afternoon would be "off" The was there because that would morning session would be spent facilitate the abolition of the partly in forming the Working privy purses! Shades of trustee-Committee and partly in discuss- ship! ing the NEP

her peers was that there was not even a statement! And after TTK had spoken, "KD" was as promptly ichiked by the chair as he had been always in his there is now hope that the one of events The only question that long career as A-ICC member

If Chandra Sekhar or Dharia thought that they could achieve a confrontation, they quickly adjusted themselves to the reality, which established, what was axiomatic, that all the excitement about the brave new world was an urban manifestation. The AICC delegates were largely from the sprawling countryside who, in their matchless manner, refused to be infected by this morbid wban fever

And that, in essence, is the Congress-an organisation of the village tradition In quickly recognising this and coming to terms with it, Indira Gandhi has given herself the best chance of survival Equally, the many protests that have been heard after the Working Committee had been formed, are her best allies These protests, too, are in the true Congress tradition.

Only the urban mind sees in Chandrajit Yadav the leftist image Smt. Gandhi, in her awakening, sees him only as a "Yadava" having the friendliest terms with Charan Singh—not very different.

Youth has no place in Indian Gandhi understands more than

Yet, she might have calculat-Flags and buntings apart, the ed wrongly in Subramaniam, who after becoming TNGC President, spoke of introducing weeks of his stewardship would And before the delegates knew not knock the base out so com-

Chandra Sekhar said that for

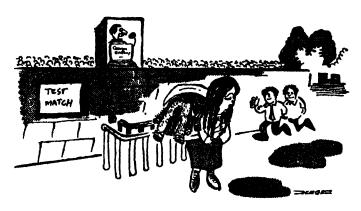
What next? There is some talk Where Sint Gaudhi excelled of an early election so that Indira Gandhi might strike before her enemies regrouped. But the chances are that with her present complete understanding of the Indianness of the Congress, she might not embark on a task involving selection of candidates, a study of caste voting, etc. An early election is what the city-slick might want, what a Mohan might advocate, but would she?

One wouldn't think so There would, of course, be Ahmedabad and the attendance might not be meagre. There would be Bombay and the attendance would be impressive Many would go to both places, vote according to their flexible conscience. And there would be the same disillusionments and explanations. Voices of dissent would be heard in both the camps Every seat filled would make ten enemies.

And it is this mass of factors that would be the basis of a new unity of minds and hearts After the Delhi "AICC," likeliest thing is that there would be only one Congress: Very probably Budget Session. before the

Thank God, India is not. modern yet!

BHISHMA



"One maiden, ten pull overs and two runs'



PARLIAMENT

The split image

ONE week after the "historic" taken after the four months old benches voting on Rabat and fresh banks take-over, the budget Its first sensational "expoin South Vietnam by American from the triumphant score over session may end in disaster for sure" in the Lok Sabha last soldiers was taken up in the the Syndicate in the AICC her and the upset of all her week was to allege that DelLok Sabha, to the chorus of tecin Parhament. There is an all trial of strength At the same ed the charge, but even withtoo apparent tendency to sit on the haunches and let events take their course, the assumption perhaps being that whattoo pear in the Congress Parha mentary Party, as the rumblings on the nominations to Mr. Subhag Singh at the press conterpart, Mr. Subhag Singh at the press cont After the assertions of the Prime 'Minister that the 'bosses' were preventing her from going ahead with her "socialistic" economic programme, her hesitatation to spell out her Government's policies in clear terms before the AICC cannot but weaken her position in Parlia-

stretch to a point where the more policy initiatives can be Swatantra and Jana Sangh Sen's Calling Attention Notice

unago while claiming that it is comment's policies in clear terms mitted to the realisation of the mitted to spokesmen in both Houses

(requisitioned), Mrs Gandhi's convenient calculations Already ence planes had been used to nical protests from the Jana ruling Congress Party seems to the ruling party has begun to bring AICC members to the Sangh and Swatantra was addneed a more vigorous shakeup present the spectacle of going requisitioned session Sardar ed the equally stridant voice of if it is to stay as a viable force easy in Parliament after one Swaran Singh promptly refuting Parliament. There is an all trial of strength At the same ed the charge, but even with bination looked very appropriare afraid to face an election show only too glaringly ing changed over from the incse civilians and described it before their full term. There is meanwhile, the Janus-faced Treasury Benches to the Opposition of Mr. Singh feels that he went on to ask the Government stitude and the market of the most complete that he went on to ask the Government on behalf of the whole House of the party as reflected in the ger of totally losing its identirequisitioned AICC which has ty in the Swatantra-Jana Sangh was, for instance his allegament "our profound sense of left the Government with no camp After its poor showing tion, also made in the Lok shock and sorrow at the incimandate on policy questions, in the Rabat debate, it was Sabha, that the Prime Minister dent and suggested that the thought that a policy statement used her official telephone to Government might even take it was necessary to establish the advice UP Ministers to resign up in the United Nations party's credentials in Parlia- from the C B Gupta Minis- Which to once took Mr Bhument. But it has only made its try Asked at the Press con- pesh Gupta by surprise, he haveven more obscure ference, why he did not protest ing to say that he was "very While claiming that it is com- against such things in the past grateful to our friend Mr.

Left Opposition's support to have done nothing more than plains the confusion in the Mi Ram Subhag Singli speak her government cannot be sus-raise petty allegations against sayings of his men in the two ing on different wave lengths) tained except in terms of the Prime Minister and other. Houses on other issues. On was yet to be discovered. Rightist threat to her, and no wise add to the noise from the Monday when Mr. Deven

on the mass killing of civilians Which apparently also ex (again Mr Morarji Desai and

ABSENTEE GALLERYMAN

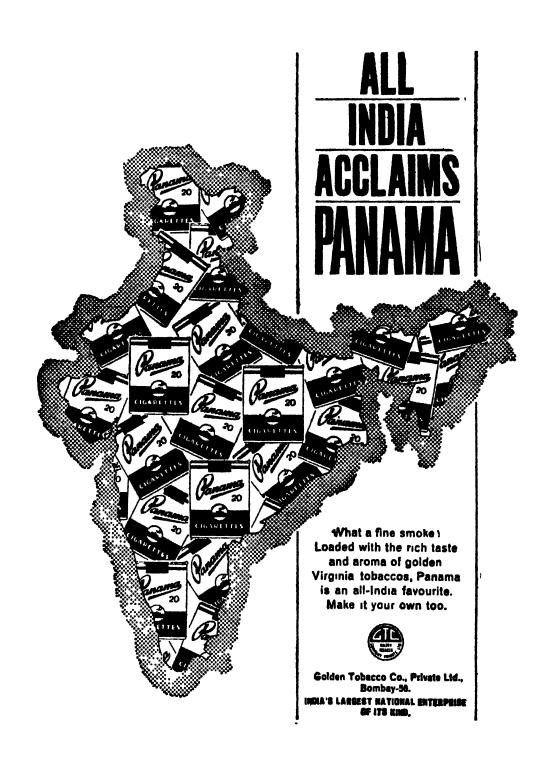


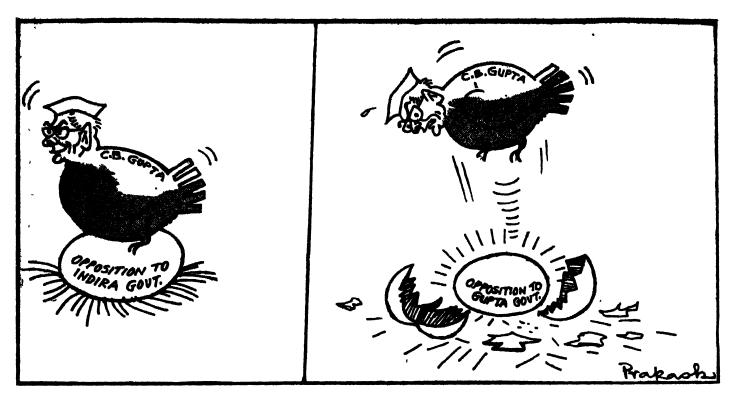


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The pro-Syndicate C B Gupta ministry in U.P. has run into trouble following the resignation of all Ministers from the rival group

The Pilgrimage

fully at me. with the minimum have you succumbed to the 500 amidst their sangumary time. Incidentally, I've engaged ing his hands as if this was pernicious modern craze of buying them readymade?" he asked "More likely the former, because what you have on is certainly my handiwork, executed about eighteen months back.'

pleading half nodded, thus guilty to neither Without more ado I produced the cloth I'd brought and said, "Two shirts."

The tailor had been lolling

against a cushion which looked as tightly packed as if made bothering about of concrete. He was reading a book but now rose, marking the page by a thick wad of paper as thick as the book. I picked sup the latter, it was Murder by the Dozen by Baburao Burnolkar, the thriller stalwart absence of any prepared clothes. 259" who'd made a name in indigen-

"Making do lishing one hundred and seven- stamina of ten men and I finish clothes or ty six volumes and killing about the work in one-tenth of the charges," said the tailor, wavpages. Then I looked at the two assistants from yesterday furthest from his thoughts You book-mark and found that it and they are expected to turn pay me that after I've returned was a roll of paper about a up any minute now. That's why your 25 to you. That's fair Now yard long, with a record of I'm not exactly working myself you'll want to know why I 'Bombay Matka' on it going to the bone. What if the fellows need the 25 for. What's the back to about six months. I come and find me working like month?" back to about six months. I half shook my head and been reading the book or por- ing to hog the lot and cheat Diwah is now only a memory ing over the 'Matka', probably them out of their fifty per cent, andhe turned to the other when he got tired of the one, thus never having a dull moment. It must be said for the tailor that he did exactly what he liked, never appearances, conventional morality or about what the Joneses would say.

things easy," I said, looking at fat even if I were fried in ghee the whole pieces of cloth hanging from the lines and the total by the way, can you spare Rs

"That's because I work in

THE tailor looked reproach ous fiction of this type by pub- spells. When I work, I've the wondered whether the tailor had a beaver? They'll think I'm trywouldn't thev?"

They would," I said. "Getting thinner, if anything,"

he said, measuring me. "I didn't come for a medical

check-up," I observed.

"No offence meant. I mean some constitutions are like that. "You appear to be taking Look at me, I wouldn't put on and then rolled in sugar. And,

"Why?"

"Never mind the stitching

"November," I said. "But

"Who cares for Diwah?" Asked the tailor "I didn't allow my kids to explode one single cracker. You've to grow out of that once, I said, and do it now. What I wanted to say was that this is the month of Kartika and on the day of the Kartiki Ekadası I always go on a pilgrimage to Pandharpur. How do I go? By first class tram? By luxury bus? Guess again, I just walk in the company of a Somewhat startled, I asked, dozen good men, because you

your salvation. But all the same general, immediately proceeded there are the pangs of hunger to consolidate his position by which can't be assuaged for a slapping me on the back and fortnight merely by uttering the saying, "A friend in need is a said dryly, as I didn't like the one to me," said the spokesman mame of God, and that means friend indeed. Also, this conway the tailor was effervescing. "I for one would never believe that the tailor would go on a can't just leave your affection helps those who help themate family high and dry for a selves, because I'd 75 and was fortnight, which means another helpless only for the 25." Rs 50 for bare subsistence. So you're the answer to a been foolish. prayer'

couldn't go themselves.

When should I come for my That adds up to a hundred, cut shirts?" I asked, passing the 25 to the bone, and I've only 75. and wondering whether I'd

ayer" "Come in the evening," said And the fatality was that I the tailor "Or in the afternoon did have 25 iron men in my if you aren't accustomed to a pocket, earmarked to muzzle a bit of a snooze. The shirts will persistent demand, but after the be stitched, pressed, folded, in return. tailor's harangue I was in two packed and ready for delivery minds, especially as the pil- by then What is the time a grimage to P. seemed to me a telegram takes to reach from cause which ought to receive one end of the country to the assistance from those who other? Less than a minute But when does it actually reach The astute tailor at once you? After a week, if it does guessed that as I hadn't instant- reach you at all. Similarly in ly shaken my head and laughed our business you've to wait behollowly, I did have the 25 in cause you've to wait your turn

ty. Come after two hours, if you like."

So I went there in the evening This time I found both the machines working but the tailor absent. The two assistants had arrived and taken charge
"My shirts ready?" I asked.

"Maybe," said one of them.
"Maybe not."

Where's the tailor?" "Who knows?" he asked me

"He's gone? I mean has he

"Since we aren't hiding him do it. here, it's obvious he's left for "Lo the spokesman of the two, who apparently wanted to prick everytime he spoke.

pilgrimage?" I elaborated "In

please God by taking trouble for my positet, and like a good New you've been given priori- that case I'd at least want and cloth back. I wan't wait for a fortnight."

that the tailor would go on a pilgrimage. It's logical. People go on a pilgrimage because they think they have committed enough sins and are in need of a bit of whitewash. As for the tailor, he'd never think he'd committed enough sine, not even if he'd been robbing note widows and orphans since his born day And he furiously

pedalled the machine.

"How about returning my cloth then?" I asked, without the slightest hope that he would

"Look," he said, "I couldn't some destination unknown," said have given you your shirts even if they were ready and straining at the leash, because I don't know you from Adam, see? As "I mean has he gone on his for the cloth, if I started giving lgrimage?" I elaborated "In them away to every bird who dropped in and made a squawk about them, what am I going to say to the tailor when he return? 'Sorry, tailor, there's nothing here but the two machines and a lot of floorspace, with me in the middle of it Now all you've to do is to pay me my wages and I'll go'" And he looked furiously at me, rather like Churchill when he said that he hadn't become P.M to liquidate the B.E

I decided not to give any more openings for irony and hyperbole to this chap and toddled off. I was an idiot, I thought, to go to this tailor when the world was swarming with tailors, but I always repeated the mistake, as I'd known him for thirty years and my father before me had known his pop for another thirty, at a time when they used clothbraces to button up their shirts. If he'd seen me wearing something not stitched-or at least cut-by him, he'd have given me a look of reproach compared to which the one of Caesar to Brutus would have seemed like an invitation for an encore.

At midnight I was going home after the cinema. A car of an antediluvian make slithered to a stop beside me and the tailor shot his head out of the window within inches of my own. "Now look who's here!" he exclaimed to the occupants of the car. "A happy coinci-

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The Bangla Congress, led by Chief Minister Ajoy Mukherjee, is launching satyagraha against the govt's failure to uphold law and order in W. Bengal

genially.

"I thought it was the will of God that I should not go to P this time," the tailor interrupted, and I consoled myself with the thought that man proposes, but the disposal is in His hands.

"Hadn't we taken care of the disposal already?" I asked "I mean the 75 and 25 wheeze?"

"But you hadn't considered my landlord because you din't know how much I owed him and I too had discounted him because he doesn't bother to show his fangs till towards the first half of the month, because you can't get blood out of a turnip, at least in the second half," explained the tailor. "But news spread like wildfire that I was going to P. on a pilgrimage and the next moment the landlord appeared, vociferating

As he wouldn't take anything than of the closing figure less than 3 months' rent, bang went the 75, leaving me with the worse than useless 25"

"Tchuk tchuk," I made sym pathetic noises, at the same time preparing myself for the shake of the head and the hollow l my further contribution for the 375 lost 75 came.

"And then what happened?" asked the tailor As I didn't know, he continued, pointing to asked the dark interior of the car, "Notice that squiffy bird?"

"Squiffy, is he?" I asked, peering, not seeing him but getting a whiff of the squiff all

"but straight as a die. At noon or rob. Here are your 25," he

dence! The one man I wanted that if I'd the money to go on he comes to me and says, Tailor, said, holding out the money I to meet before I left for Panbally pilgumages, I'd it to pay if you've got a shirt, or if you've hastily pocketed it, knowing blum, and if I didn't, he wasn't got anybody's shirts, put their that the tailor being a tectotalin his tather's son if he didn't have on three pairs of Bombay let such impulses came to him sentiments," I said, none too genially.

"I wasn't got anybody's shirts, put their that the tailor being a tectotalin the roof over my family's head dismantled for repairs within hol' I said "That means you've "I've also come to know that ten minutes of my departure, more certain of the opening 2 didn't want to become a mil- ly as if you wore nothing but honaire overnight, I only wanted enough for my pilgrimage So I put all my 25 on the opening figure and won 175 P., to deliver them to you tosupees on the opening 2. Squiffy morrow evening. Will that do?" here had a fiver on each of his when the inevitable touch for three combinations and he won There are three other chaps in the car who have won 150 each

"And all of them squiffy?" 1

"There's one Squiffy and only One," said the tailor sternly, his voice exhorting me not to mock And all of us are going to Pandharpur Some of us my gamble and some may drink, occasional-"Squiffy," repeated the tailor, ly that is, but we don't swindle

you've been demanding shirts from my assistants as insistentucwspapers I've instructed them, under pain of immediate dismissal after my return from

"Quite," I said in a small voice

"And if you want to accompany us to P, we can make room for you"

"No, thanks, I said

"I'll remember to offer some incense sticks and flowers on your behalf, concluded the tailor, as he squeezed in beside the good Squiffy "And now good live

G. V. KULKARYI

Playing to the gallery

works wonderfully on crowds, one would be wrong the larger the crowd the better audiences

share his thoughts with such a little too much distinguished group or at the ments like, I need not dilate in turn on this point before an assem-I am sure, know as much about goes over the boundary more. He does not mean a word, aware, that this means of it, of course, but what he says runs, cheers loudly is sweet music to the ears of those present

The kind of crowds that cuteket 'tests are attracting these days must be making our leadrimning but they cannot This Kaupur laughs loudly mentators who speak to the con- line duty in chasing it out' course not over blaring loud-

Flattery as an instrument for transistors. One would imagine influencing people and winning that not wanting any votes and friends is wielded not only in secure in their privileged perch, personal relationships or on these commentators would have selected individuals but also no need to flatter the crowd but

Those who have listened at because then you can lay it on their homes to ball by ball desthick Politicians and seasoned cuptions of the 'tests' played at orators have always known and Bombay and Kanpur will have used this trick to sway mass heard the phrase "this very sporting Bombay (or Kanpur) crowd? However, when dealing with a hundred times a day and winsmaller groups the learned spea- ccd each time. The following, ker has to be more subtle. He not an altogether imaginary might say at the beginning, how exercise, will show that this kind happy he is at being asked to of soft soaping can get to be a

The Indian team led by end, what a great pleasure it Captain Patauch is now walkwas to speak to such a well-m- ing on to the field and this very formed and intellectual gather-knowledgeable crowd of Boming In between he will find bay gives them a big hand They opportunities of paying compli- know that each side has to bat

'Fifth ball A short one from blage like this, where you are Prasanna to Walters who hooks all aware of the problem and, it beautifully to square-leg. It its intricacies as I do, or even and this very sporting crowd,

> That ball came in sharply and but Redpath just above the The sporting crowd gives a deep groan

"The game is held up as a dog ing politicians itch for a chance strays on to the field and this to address them for five days very keen cricket crowd of privilege is only for radio com- of them join the police men on

"The game is at a very exciting speakers, but on thousands of stage. Ashok Mankad is on 46,



"She was cestatic that he had offered to marry her when the Kurin bloomed again, until I told her how long that would be."



"We tried to hustle them by saying 'you are no longer mentally alert,' but they long hed and said, 'nist tell us a time when he was

needing only four more runs ledgeable crowd gives him for his half century. May I re- big hand and throws some quest this very sporting crowd empty bottles on to the field' of Kampin to tone down then transistors as the noise is dis-

'One more to Mankad who off a few balloons moves to 47 When he reaches his fifty this very intelligent as some of the spectators are crowd who knows that fifty is exactly half-way to a century, will give him a well-descrived ledgeable crowd of Kaupur hand

"There is a loud appeal for OUT this sporting I bw and Solkar has been bursts a few crackers given out. This very sporting is not out. crowd of Bombay disapproves of the decision and jeers loudly bounced off the ground first at the Umpire. Some invade There is booting and slow-clapthe field and are remonstrating ping all over the stands. This with the Australian Captain I crowd knows all the finer points can see smoke coming up from of the game"
the East Stand Some are pul"Gleeson comes, he bowls he fire at the Churchgate May I ask this very sporting is distracting the scorers . . crowd of Bombay to go back there is a loud explosion. to their seats so that the game this very knowledgeable crowd can be resumed?'

Another four by Stackpole. It is being retrieved. This very bowler and returns it

of the game keeps quit, even the very sporting ladies pause in their knitting

ball to the cover and they go tator's Box? through a quick single He is now fifty and this very know-

The drinks are coming on and a cricket-fan runs in sharptracting the batsmen? Also ly, picks up a bottle from the please do not use your mirrors tray and runs back to his seat to reflect simlight into Gleeson's as this very thirsty and very sporting crowd shouts and lets

The game is held up again walking leisurely across the sight-screen. This very know-

"And he is out this sporting crowd it was not a catch

the ball had apparently

ling down the shamiana Lots and Borde is out, clean-bowled of excitement, as there is a bon-middle stump. Please tone, end down your transistors, the noise

the Pavilion is in flames

there is smoke in the stands The ball goes into the crowd, at the Mill end of this lovely Green Park. The score remains knowledgeable crowd knows at 217 for six A hand-grenade that the ball is required by the has been hurled in the middle of the pitch An Umpire and "Pataudi is out for a blob two players are being given and this very sporting crowd first aid. Score still at 217 for which knows all the finer points six wickets. I will now give of the game keeps quit, even you the bowling analysis. May I request this very sporting crowd of Kanpur (or Bomay) "Ashok Mankad pushes the not to set fire to the Comment

H. R. LUTHRA

The boatmen of the Hoogly



The Syndicate has directed its group of the W Bengal Pradesh Congress to keep functioning ignoring the ad hoc committee set up by the rwal Congress

New Paint

ROTTINGBRAIN doors and scent of new paint It transports paint The old scheme had been and feasts and things novel and new one was on the lively side- knows not sorrow and suffering, electric-blue with sea-green, lemon-yellow, and sunset-red fresh and fragrant unterplay. The walls and ceilings had already been done during the winter vac, all garden gay, and now the wood had been taken on. It was now twelve noon The workmen had knocked off for a spell and left. The college sessions were officially on though many students had gone home, it being the opening day I sat on the table in the French Room, swinging my legs Sitting on a table and swinging your legs is a very pleasant and relaxing occupa-

I sniffed New paint! I sniffod again, and felt myself being paint, Professor M? wafted up to the seventh heaven. There's nothing so soulensnaring as the sweet, heady it?"

windows and other wood- you to an enchanting atmoswork were having a new coat of phere of weddings and festivals a gloomy battleship grey, the new, an atmosphere which an atmosphere ever young and paint!" I uttered aloud, gleefully 'New paint!"

> "New paint! came a charmıng echo

"Miss X!" I cried ocstatically

"Oh, this new paint!" warbled the loveliest college typist in all the wide world "I feel so happy and gay I could weep for joy!

Same here, Miss X," I bubbled like Mahabaleshwar honev running out of its narrow-necked bottle. "We are kindred souls, Miss X Like two peas in a single pod"

"You like the smell of new

"I adore it, Miss X."

And how about messing with

"O beauty! O tops!"

"O goody-goody!"

"To take up a brush, to dip it into the soft, smooth, sticky, slimy, thick, gluey, perfumed contents of a can, to stir them gently, lovingly, to take out the brush and let the paint thread out of it and then plop into the mother-fluid in the form of big long drops!

O boy! To feel the yielding stuff with the brush, to apply the paintful brush to a wooden surface, to let it glide up and down, up and down, to coat the wood with loving paintcaresses, to make it shine with colour!"

God, what a vision of delight had that girl become! A wild fire danced in her eyes, and her bosom heaved and fell

'I can't contam myself, Miss X," I gushed, kindled good and proper "I want to do things"

"The new paint's done at?" Miss X trilled

"The new paint's done at!"

"Boy!"

"Girl! Girlie!"

"Let's get in touch with the new paint

"Do let us, lass"

"We'll paint and we'll paint!"

"And we'll paint!"

The new paint had worked its mischief. It had sent us back to the world of juvenile delinquency. We'd become irresponsible, reckless The great soulhunger to mess around with new paint was upon us

There are cans of ready paint with brushes sticking out of them everywhere about

"Right, lass"

"Let's get around and start

I leaped off the table We went out of the room. We came upon a big drum full of cim

"O wonder!" shrilled Miss X, gripping one of the brushes, raising it, and letting the crimson drip

"O beauty!" I chortled, manipulating the other brush

"Come on, let's put great big bloody daubs on that door"

"And on that window, and that wall, and everywhere and also yellow daubs and green dauls O lass, isn't it too too divine?"

"O mage: "

about, emitting little yelps of effects achieved by us with for him whoops of animal joy

work

"Professor El" Miss X and I exclauned together, our brushes upraised, the colour-cans at our feet

"What d'you think you're doing? the man who owns the baldest pate on earth roared I asked like a mad bull.

"The new paint! Come and jour us! Don't stand staring like an expiring frog!" Miss X screamed excitedly.

"I'm amazed, shocked, stun-

son paint and two brushes stand- You've gone mad, both of you! I'll have to report you to the Head of Rottingbrain!" Professor E crupted

> "Report us?" shouted Miss X 'All right Go and report us, and take that!" And the great girl touched the bulbous nose of Professor E adroitly with her blood-red brush, making that anatomical feature flare most furnously

> O but you look a beauty!" I couldn't help bawling out

"I'll I'll get you both sacked!" sızıled the painted one, And we went at the surfaces his nostrils and gave him a fit of all round with the paints lying violent sneezing I took advantage of this happy development pleasure, heavenly pleasure, by giving two deft flicks with a and putting in a wide variety sea-green brush to the man's of footwork, and admiring the cars which are much too large

"O what a marvellous sight! "Hoy!" an ugly bellow made O but I'll die with joy!" cried us stop in the midst of our good. Miss X as the picturesque professor waddled away, fretting and fuming and sniffling and sneezing, to complain against us to the Head

'Into the Head's presence⁵⁰

"Why not?"

"Come on,"

And we padded after the outraged blob of colour

DOCTOR

'No special dict. You can cat anything your wife likes'

Rottingbrain was dancing cis is blood-red, and thy audi-Let's follow him," said Miss about, flourishing a big brush, tory appendages are sea-green putting spots of a thrilling elec- and why the devil shouldn't thy trie-blue here, there and every- dome be a dazzling electric-blue? where, a huge drum right in the You two! Catch hold of the man, middle of the room! Professor E while I realize the dearest went ahead into the room, we dream of my life I've always were at his heels.

> 'Sirl" Professor E bleated like a lost lamb.

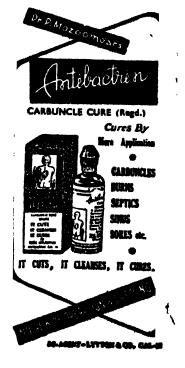
a amazed, shocked, stun- The strangest sight met us in "O beauty!" the Head laugh flabbergasted, petrified! the Head's sanctum The Head ed uproanously "Thy probos

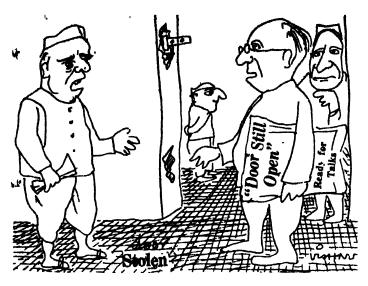
longed to paint that nut a fine electric-blue, thick and fast, thick and fast!" O boy, wasn't that great, glorious, godly?

M. A. MAZMUDAR



"How many billion dollars aid did we give them to build these huge mountains?"





"Do you think our rivals could have stolen the door to leave us without an alternative?"

Play counter play

game and often teams of other touched the ball fixture During such matches the visitors get a holiday, the seepers earn some money, and he other fauna can have a picnic The gardens of Eden and he Stadium of Biabourne are for these natches

eir matches is just over, an made a scapegoat? attempt is made here to report. Hearing this exp event of the sporting calendar

Before they came to the peahad warned the team that the it a kangaroo fielder crossed the continued unruffled. line with the ball, giving the fast kangaroo bowler a seventh disreputable crows alke, now ball in the over of he was faced started chucking empty bottles

like to play a game some- ing a peacock caught out nature are called tests imes called cricket It is a team though he thought he hadn't. The momentous ever

bats are always hanging in the commotion not only among the peacocks apologised for the disrees in every enclosure and this magpies and jackdews but also graceful meident, but the retirtreature, neither an animal nor the formal penguins and preen- ed veteran kangaroo dismissed it walkie-talkie and other non-vio a bird, is traditionally the re-ing macaws, while the mynahs as "hogwash"-although the allulent weapons, of course-outerce for every birds vs animals and seven sisters were silent for sion to an altogether different numbered spectators. And when a change One of the pairots species of fauna remained obs- the cheetahs come over to play by ball for the benefit of the birds who couldn't see the game, peacocks, the cheetahs had m-got excited and said "Bat was nowhere near the hall' or words wo of the more popular venues to that effect-though he later inter-enclosure said he had referred to the bat who was refereeing the game This winter the peacocks have and not to the bat with which Ins winter the peacocks have the peacock was hitting the of the more interesting of ball, and why should he be

Hearing this expert comment the happening for the benefit all the birds set up quite a div of those who missed this Major of slogans against the referee and the kangaroos and boord them to boot. The bat stuck to cock enclosure, one of the griz- his decision, the kangaroos playzled old armchair kangaroos ed on with their customary insouciance Thirsting for action, bats hanging about in that en-closure were very partial to the well as hawks, made a bonfire birds Consequently these bats of their newspapers, then addwanted to bend over backwards ed the chairs and whatever else to show that they were "good," they could lay their claws on and gave partisan verdicts in The official keepers couldn't see favour of the kangaroos: disal- the game but the referee continulowing the peacocks' four runs ed unmoved and the players

The birds, sober pigeons and

at the kangaroos, while the vited the kiwis; and proudly sparrows twittered and flew aware that what the peacocks wouldn't stop play and the kan-tator animals who sided with the garoos wouldn't curb their cheetahs sang froid

myaded the arena and gherao-ed game called rugger in another the players. This couldn't be corner of the zoo. Now there tolerated by the vigilant dogs, had already been had blood bethe natural guardians of law and tween them as the lions had order in the 200. They pitched smuggled a black panther in the bottles back at the hooligans their cricket team when they among birds, with good aim and had gone over to the springbok a proper follow-throgh, and enclosure and the hosts had drove them back to then eages objected So when the spring-Then, flourishing the stumps as boks visited the lions they if they were lances, they escort- feared a hot reception ed the still nonchalant kanga roos back to the den

by all present, particularly the teams played to almost empty ladybirds who were in two minds stands this assured a total abas to which game to watch-the sence of andience participation, cricket or the dog-fight. Which unlike the recent fun and games IN the local zoo, the peacocks by a timorous peacock, declar- is probably why matches of this in the enclosures which had only

The momentous events chronicled above set off a chain Oi was it sovereignty? birds and animals are invited to That last one was the signal reaction, sequels nobody could play A few of the ubiquitous for Pan-demon-ium in the zoo, have foreseen. The keeper of

In the enclosure east of the your fingers crossed!

and, proudly hither and thither. Their aim did they could do better, staged was faulty and their stamina a minor not during their match poor, so that such of the mis- The refereeing bat there bad to siles as did not fall short went clamber atop a passing elephant wide of the mark. The bat to escape the wrath of the spec-

The lions-with-twisted-tails Both pyromanaes and bottle had invited the all-but-extinct-hurlers then broke the barriers springboks for a sort of ball springboks for a sort of ball wary keepers, therefore, kept the venue of the rugger match Quite a testing tune was had a close secret, so that the two a few years back become independent of the hons' suzerainty

And when the bulls came to play tenus with the peacocks, dogs armed to the teeth-steel helmet, gas mask, wicker shield, who was describing the play ball ture to the birds for a long time hockey with the peacocks keep

PRABILAT VAIDYA



Less broad-nunded people may think you are trying to pull my lcg

The Jewels of Guiral

planes is spread a base of terra- and "Read Mao, cotta or unbaked China and onpainted over.

of folk wall decorations

it has become impossi- of satire incorporate signboards market operator, the promoter, ble to disagree with the craft and carton designs into their the speculator of Satish Gujral In his current paintings. In a little preface, where in this dismal accept-exhibition at the Triveni Gal-Satish Gujral has said that sign-lery, New Delhi Gujral has boards and neon signs are part. Artists like Satish Gujral progiven a splendid testament of of our culture, that it is on this vide us the answer Satish Gujcraft, which establishes hun as a brash visual fare that we are ral's unquestionable talents have craftsmen in the best folk tradi- being fed subliminally every day tions of India, despite his pos-sible claim to be a new sophisti- what Gujral says. And when he neon signs of our city 1 shall cate of pop primitivism. The incorporates the glittering gra- not go into the question of paintings, or perhaps we might flit of our affluence into his whether this "satire" is for call them constructions of minipaintings, and juxtaposes it with the affluent way of life or ature murals, are like jewel catirical slogans, he certainly is against it Whatever his reboxes They have intricate work reflecting a segment of our culand yield much the same pleasure as one gets while regarding a signs like "Coca cola", "Marlity that I object, and that bear no of aucient jewellery rage Consultant," "Vugin need-cause he has laid claims to have the construction is made up of ed for a boy going abroad," and in greated an art out of felt and the construction is made up of the construction and the construction is made up of the construction above the construction is made up of the construction and the construction is made up of the construction is made up of the construction and construction is made up of the construction is made up of the construction is made up of the construction in the construction is made up of the construction is made up of the construction is made up of the construction in the construction is made up of the a number of planes whose gra "Get your impotency cured," or dients vary and whose collect more or less things to that cftive unevenness produces a scul-feet Side by side with these are ptural effect. Over this series of slogans like 'Do not urmate,"

it is stuck a number of little this apocalypse did not dawn must say it is a very fractional moulded objects. Then it is on an Indian painter until long response. On the contrary, if after it did on his western coun- he admits that he has merely As in the large Gujral murals terparts. The American painters taken after the American pop we are familiar with, the total had introduced pop before the artists then we have no querrel images are created out of this Indians could Either we agree with him delicious repetition of immute, that all art is born in the West whimsical and calligraphic ele- and that we merely repeat the Satish Gujral's constructions ments. Each form analysed styles perfected over there, or we down to its primary ingre-concede the even more tragic ingless visual The other is the dient is extremely simple. It truth that art is after all an exdient is extremely simple. It truth that art is after all an expertentious graffiti, the alien is in fact in this uncleverness that pression of affluence. This might written word. It is difficult to Gurral manages to produce his eventually prove to be a dangerraw strength of form The colo- ous admission because it would uis used in this case have escap challenge the basic pretentions of ed being psychedelic. They are the bourgeois take-off from post-intrudes upon any effort on our closer to the carmval colours impressionism We will be forced Now we come to a disturbing ly an expression of man's creatifactor in these constructions vity but as a token of investment Gural has taken after the West- We will have to associate it with

New Laght on Bharatanatyam Visher

"Adverse criticism about your bhavas' is again inevitable because I forgot to pack your dentures."

MORE than at any time before eru pop artists, who in the name the philistine art dealer, the

been used to create an art which and experienced reality jewel box is perfectly credible, but not the Coca cola nor the urmation, nor the Mao If these are his response to the Indian But what intrigues us is that reality, even urban reality, then I

There are two elements in One is the magnificent but meanregard these words as mere visuals, because they have a primary meaning and this meaning part to treat them as mere to acknowledge art as not mere- visual ingredients. Our objection, in other words, is with these frivolous and distracting meanings, not with the benign meaninglessness of much else of Satish Gural's art.

> Let us add here a slightly presumptuous postscript. Our life certainly is not the glittering neon signs and hoardings It is a misery that crawls right under these crude and unreal displays of affluence. Satish Gujral has claimed to have created a milieu art; and as a milieu artist it is to this preponderant misery that he ought to have responded It is to the shame of each one of us that he ought to have reacted. The shame of the cuormous coarseness that enables us to visit an art gallery while naked beggar children come pattering after us

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"Ittefaq"

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producer BR Chopraji. The the idea of cops unfolding sto-offshoot is "Ittefaq." We react ries before suspects Perhaps straightaway and thank him for the director is not confident of is short, just under two hours, making a bold attempt with and there are no songs and not much of messing around dances. We are not privileged with words. There are occasious (named Dilip Roy-coinciden- Hitchcocks tal?) accused of having murdered his wife Circumstantial evidence points to his having committed the crime. His own sister-in-law, unlike the others of her ilk, testifies to Roy's having done his wife to death He



Rajesh Khanna

is arrested but kept in an asylum for observation for eccentue behaviour. He decamps and dents and accidents bound to seat.

on several works of fiction and history of the school.

thrillers from abroad. The denouement is slow and highly THE suspense-bug has bitten explicit. We do not much relish two things that distinguish this our audiences However, both film from other desi fillums. It the Chopras deserve praise for to give the outline of the story where Salil Choudhury's music since the suspense-there is some is stunning. If the spirit of this of this quality present-will be film is kept up, who knows, lost. Rajesh Khanna is an artist we may end up with our own

"The Prime of Miss Tean Brodie"

Based on a novel by Muriel Spark and later a success on the stage, this film version by the 20th Century Fox of a dedicated but pig-headed school teacher is an unusual essay on human emotions. Time was when conservatism was a passion with the intelligentsia, and anything new was frowned upon Miss Jean Brodie, the history teacher for the senior class of an Edinburgh girls school, is unorthodox in her methods She believes site has a far more undefined duty to her girls than there in the curriculum on the suggestibility index. They are chosen for different reasons-Sandy for dependability, Jennie for the artistic touch Miss Brodie has a yearning for iomance and succumbs to historical reverie once too often She gives to local nothing a romantic mount Her own love for Teddy the arts master and attachment to the music teacher are distant and non-culminating For she has a psychological dread of having to sacrifice takes refuge in Nanda's resid- her 'prime' on the altar of pasence Follow a series of inci-sion for Teddy. This prime she devotes to her profession, for keep you on the edge of the she declares she is a teacher first, last and always Teddy (with wife and six kids) gets Rajesh Khanna makes a seri-involved with Sandy. Mary loses by Carson McCullers and the ous effort to make the grade as her life in a foolhardy manner an actor of merit. Nanda mere-Sandy sees the guiding spirit ly provides the female interest. behind all this and concludes A bouquet to Inspector Karve Miss Brodie must be stopped. for being so real Technically She meets the headmistress the film is competent We realize Thenceforth the name of Miss Director Yash Chopra has drawn Brodie does not appear in the



Maggie Smith ("The Prime")

Maggie Smith as Miss Brodie gives an outstanding performance Her flourish, accent, domineering personality and forthright manner of speaking to the headmistress coupled with the composure which she preaches to her girls are delectable. The best part of the film merely teaching them what is the script by Jay Presser there in the curriculum. Her Allen The lines have poetic Her Allen pick of favourite girls is based beauty about them and it is a treat to watch the actors speak them with obvious relish Director Ron Neame is able to bring off the atmosphere bound to be normally lost against the backdrop of an involved plot

"The Heart is a Lonely Hunter"

Like so many, we have a crush on Alan Aikin. He has been seen here in two films, The Russians Are Coming" and 'Wait Until Dark" He plays entirely different roles in them and claims recognition. In "The Heart is a Lonely Hunter," his versatility is beyond doubt This film has as its base a book screenplay is by producer Thomas Ryan In a very sensitive manner, it traverses the lonely world of Singer, a deaf and dumb man. Ironically the world around him is full of people with lonely hearts. Each has a personal tale of woe to nar-

rate. They would unburden them to one who just listens and if possible helps. As the repository of their sonews, Singer's heart is full. And his heart goes out in sympathy to each. They profit by his company. His love for his mute friend, his sympathy for the coloured doctor and his daughter, his affection for Micky, the landlady's girl who sees in him a world of new proportions-these reveal a vivid tale of a lonely heart out in search of another with the responsive beat to give and

Alan Arkın as Sınger is magnificent-easily his best so far Even in the other films he speaks least and conveys most Here he has the entire field for himself and by studied gestures he lives up the role of a man alone in the world but is always there for others when needed Director Miller's handling of such situations as when Micky comforts Singer, the un usual turn in the story, the ruse by which Singer leads his pal back to the hospital, and Singer's protestations with the Doctor's daughter bespeaks of a rare understanding of a human being full of feelings but unable to express them. The irreconcilable end is haunting, and the camera that has so far hovered in the most unobtrusive way freezes itself on a touching composition that makes the experience new



"Heart is a lonely hunter"

"Billy Liar". UK Highcom ADC. Autacs Hall, New Delhi.

pertory company of good Billy, take things seriously. English plays Their presenta-Billy almost makes it to London tion, however, of Keith Water-house and Willis Hall's Billy the play is known as a comedy Liar' is unrepertory-like. The it is uscless to debate on what play is woven around a multi- it purports. Yet there is a type character, Billy Fisher of wee-bit punch in the Billy of the North of England, and the today pitted against the old outfit is of a patch-fabric. Not cromes of yesterday. yet twentyone, Billy goes on The characters, but for Billy, multiplying lies without blush- are known types and the players ing once He is too young to too do not strain to impart any-be called hedonistic and too thing new by way of nuances. old to be dubbed childish and Graham Boiling's Billy is irresponsible. Yet that is ex-superbly put across As the a bit too often' The inner solo military-funeral oration is writer. alize in London in the august for words

THE British High Commission no solace and the girlfriends, ADC has built up a remore attached to the ring than

actly what he is — lazy, link between characters in dis-irresponsible and, like Bingo array his periodic recourse to Little, naive in getting engaged mimicking is authentic and the recess of this boy-man is a store-delicious. Right through he Director Everett is meticul- is a thing of beauty. The pla house of vain dreams of carries the play on his should-ous in assigning places and could live up to the AD becoming a successful script- ers. His repartees come with occupation to those on the standards if only the other chi-This he hopes to re- ease while the others labour The end of the company of a famous TV second act where there exists personality Pa is boorish, Ma the semblance of poignancy is depth and pep associated with one person make a play? overworked and grandma a mexplicably snuffed by the English humour. The three-physical wreck. They offer him semon Fisher way-utility set by Peter Vogel

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Which brings to one's mind

A saying not too kind

'Always bridesmaid but never the bride!'

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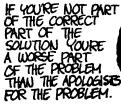
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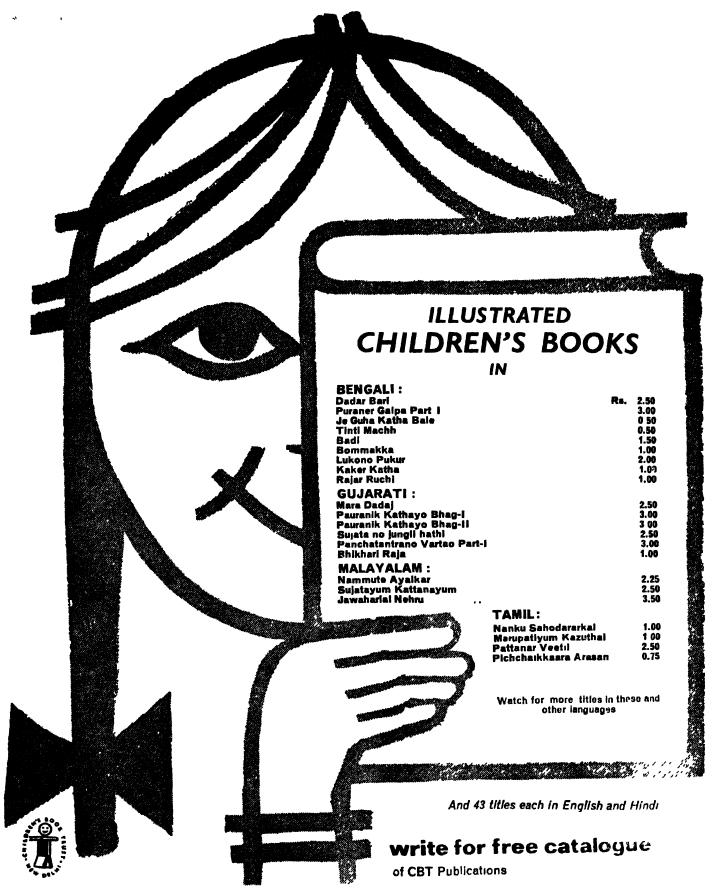


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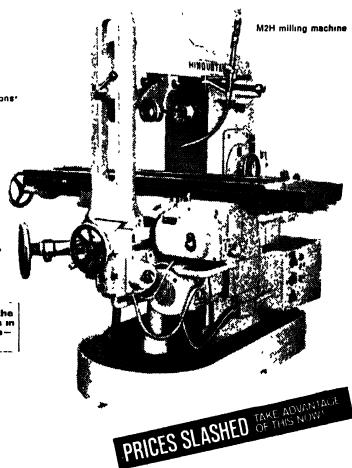
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FREE THINKING

MRS INDIRA GANDIII and her supporters are on to a much bigger thing than the more purgo of a few men and women who are unable to attune themselves to the spirit of the times Provided they are smeere in their professions of economic and social change, there is an opportunity for the new refurbished Congress to steal the thunder of the Communist groups, Left or Right. These elements, along with the SSP and other minimal parties have claimed to represent radical thinking in India, or at least as the pace-setters of change. But the performances of the Communists in West Bengal and Kerala have been so tawdry that despite their byc election victories they have lost the confidence of the dynamic segments of society. What they do have is the traditional hold on labour in these two States. If the new Congress is now able to enter the labour field with a dedicated corps of informed cadres prepared to live with the deprived elements of society and take up their cause, the parts will have found the instruments of social change which in the past was in the hands of a soulless bureaucracy

The downfall of the old Congress was due not because, as it is made out, it was corrupt or ideologically degenerate but because it had to rely on a formula-bound, lacklustic basically timid administration. Nobody wants the party to displace the administration, except perhaps the Communists. In Communist nations the party cadies have altered into government functionaries with corresponding decline in idealism.

The Congress cadies can avoid this possible development by acting as catalysts for the administration, without of course disturbing fundamental rights and liberties sanctioned by an elected Parliament. That is the only way of ensuring that policies are carried out at the ground level. Something like this is imperative if the disastrous situation in the two Communist governed States is to be avoided. There the fight for political domination under pseudo-Left slogans has taken the path of organised goondaism which has no connection with social revolution. Indeed, the content of these parties is increasingly that of the lumpen proletariat, the village rowdies and other riffras who can destroy society without creating anything. The lesson should not be lost on the younger members of the new Congress.

The Man of the Week



PLEASE TURN OVER FOR PEN PORTRAIT

The Man of the Week

 M_{i}^{R} JACJIVAN RAM, as President of the new Congress, does not exactly inspire. He more than all the others represents all those policies of the government which have failed to Mi Ram cannot disoun the past. But he has a strong asset in the fact that he has always been a militant campaigner on behalf of the depriced sections of the community But this has been in the form of speeches As president of a political organisation—expressly built up to correct past mistakes and reincerorate the content of socialism he has the chance to got the govern ment to implement those policies which he himself uas mable to put into effect when he wielded executive power. But has he the will to bend on or anisation that is for all purposes a vote catching instrument to this socio econoniie piupose)

What the atuation calls for r a certain dipianue approuch to the countries problems the creation of an atmosphere of enthusiasm for public activity the ability to draw in nonners sections of the community into political work. Mr. Rams are is a handreap because the generetion cap is a fact. notice look to the future and a ood political leader must be able to make out a politicalla credible future for them Mr. Jacquan Ram will sucred or full accordant to the size of his political cancis

His problem is not a little complicated by the existence of the old Congress parte which will keep a nangego on what he does to popularise his party. It may even emulate him if he does well But if he goes urong he will suf it in the neck It is sporting of him to have ac cepted the responsibility of numur the party organisa tion at this time when it t for from heing a sinecure But a sporting life can be c singularly uniqualiting one

Shadow without substance

TWO weeks and the magic of K. Shah Jana Saugh's M. L. taken on the amendments. Mr. Opposition in the House Dr Rain Subhag Singh's and Mi in the title being hable to various interpretations--has become just another. Opposition party made about its status is the remons. The shadow cabinet idea, tue of Mr. Ram Subhag Smgh was even before it could take off the Cupital wing the puty having insboc other than Mo-Munster

As for the party - performance the reflexes sho to distinctly schizophicnic mir l. After the Rabat debate and the allegain inhere to Dell in IAI planes. on which at has sought to con-

both the dividends came poor the 'political skuldinggery bestauc teo much to stomach depalant and others who had rais. of one-upm uiship each one try. from Mr Gupta or his friends mg to be more Gandhian than the other And so not only Dr roused like hell against Mr K debated and votes had to be

to rise in his seat and protest not agamst Mi Sondhi but notwestanding all the fuss against the Government for Point of Order Sir are we a dethinking of putting up a statue mocracy or not? cognised Opposition and the for Gandhiji at all The Acharva tall of a shadow cabinet policy managed to squeeze out a little statement, and what have you emotion from his old frame and on the lines of Her. Majesty's declared to an awed House that Opposition in the House of Com- Gandhiji did not need any sta-

The affair on TTK has been pricked by Mr. Manubhai Patel, even more an attempt at enterpuse All the pother about the Finance Ministry officials meet apparently being not keen on mg. TTK sounded somewhat contrived and exaggerated in raijibhar as the shadow Prime view of the known fact that many leading industrialists and business executives have always been meeting officials in the Finance Ministry and giving their suggestions on fiscal and tax tions about transporting AICC measures. Purticularly, as the Prime Minister repeatedly made the two most outstanding issues it clear that no budget proposals were discussed and no files nor the Covernment have been were shown to Mr. Krishnama. the site for a Gandla statue at chariby the officials who called India Citic and TTK's talks with on himi--presumbaly at his re-Firemer Ministry officials On quest-the big issue that was made out had little base to stand Even Mr. Piloo Mody found on Even so it has not prevented the Rightwing Opposition plus hand the fauface on the Gandlu the SSP and the PSP from demanding a Parliamentary Comspite his natural sympathies for nutter to go into their allegathe lady Member Sucheta Kil- tions For diamatic effect there was the Jana Sangh's Kanwarlal ed the matter through a calling. Gupta who rose to inform the attention notice Mr Mody's Speaker that the Prime Minister's sentiment as an architect had PA had just left the officials' galbeen but by the manner in lery as Mr. S. N. Dwivedi was which the protagonists of the speaking Mi Gupta's lear was Condhista in were going about that the PA was going out to deit where is he experts whom the stroy some file. Seize the file government had consulted on came the demand. The Print the subject had pointed out that Minister didut mind showing where King George V stood any file carrying a record of under a catopy would be a TIK's conversations with the wrong place, visually and artistic officials, if such a file existed, cally to place the Malitima's to the Speaker but she deploted statue. But who bothered about the suggestion that her PA had utists or architects anyway? left the gallery to destroy it. All The parties were playing a game, the same, there were no regrets

Ram Subhag Singh's party but hold together in the Upper the PSP and the SSP too were. House when the Rabat issue was

ic split seems to be wear. Southi could not help pitching S. N. Mishra found it obviousmg out. Also the easy assump- in with his comments on the im- ly embariassing to support a tions about the triple alliance of portance of a statue for Malrit- Jana Sangh amendment and the Sangh Swatantia and the ma Gaudhi in the capital plus vote for it The way out was to Syndicate forming a formidable the grievance that the Member walk out, the SSP following suit Opposition in the House Di of Parliament for Delhi was not The result—the Jana—Sangh consulted by the Minister on the Member's amendment got just S. N. Mishra's CPP (O)-the O issue of where to put it. It didn't seven votes, which looked the take far for Acharva Kripalani anti-chinax to the first day's performance in the Lok Sabha

Tailpiece Mr M L Sondhi

ABSENTEL GALLERYMAN

Odd Signs---

At Railway Conference Hall, Delhi, superscribed on a scenic photograph

See India—Travancore State

0 From Bombay

Sardu Patél College Can teen of Engineering

O At a construction site in Ban-

galore

Caution

Work in progress

Movement & Stay at your Responsibility & Risk

On a restaurant menu board

at Hapur All items not always avail-

able

In the State Transport double decker buses plying in Hyderabad-Secundciabad

Mind your head

Name board at BEL, Bangslore

Manager Works

At a house in Trivandrum Dangerous Dogs-Beware

At a public comfort station on Eastern Railway

Pull the cham

You will not be fined

At Dakshmeshwar in Cal cutta·

Nobody is allowed inside carrying cycle and shoes.

Note Items for 'Odd Signs' should be factual and not in-Meanwhile, the alliance in vented and should as far as spite of its raison detre did not possible be in facsimile Senders uill acceive two consecutive assues of the Weekly for every stem published -Ed , S.W.



Mr Jagjivan Ram has been elected as Congress President

Situation Report

and pro-Syndicate office staff pedestrians are in trouble. If good contractor rather than of subjects at all sorts of hours claiming the place for their own you look too earnestly at the sweat over Pattable. Sita-one gets the impression that the The simplest thing of course is place the police shoo you off ramayya's forgotten book bulk of his reading has been to partition the building which If you loiter you can be arrest. Nandini Satpathy is earnest but Shakespeare, Lewis Carroll, is said to be evacuee property ed and if you are just walking she is a post Independence Robert Louis Stevenson and But they won't listen despite the along everybody looks at you politician K. R. Ganesh is a possibly Samuel Smiles obvious advantages to both with suspicion until you have mere baby. Chandrajeet Yaday. If the Congress leaders (both groups

For instance, if the building to defect. about having to take a taxi of a DTU bus and make a formal announcement. You just step across the line and you are in the enemy camp. It would be just like Berlin before the wall. Perhaps what worried Dr. Ram Subhag Singh about this simple expedient was that someone might put up a wall and then the manner. How did the Moderates and the Extremsts divide up the propagation of the moderates and the Moderates who is the oldest along the Moderates and the Moderates who is the oldest annong them prefers to read them party? Did they take over any office or pourials on ware they, Subhag Singh once confessed that he was no good either in them prefers to read them party? Did they take over any office or pourials on ware they, Subhag Singh once confessed that he was no good either in them prefers to read them party? Did the Moderates and them prefers to rea about having to take a taxi or there would be all sorts of fire-

ground is in the hands of one cluding the solenin conference ties

turned the corner

No trouble pear to know their own history How did the Moderates and the

rorks.

men perhaps do not know the forte does not extend to the The Communists just gatherthe position now is that the history of their own party written word Kamaraj and ed enough people and chased round is in the hands of one. That is understandable because reading are things that do not their rivals right out. That is group and the main rooms, in- they are latecomers into poli- go together What can Vidya Charan Nijalingappa

is no political crisis. There is pears to belong to the Dellii Congress history? Index Gujral vents is not known. But judg. only some housing difficulty at police who are simply crawling may well have preferred swot-ing from the various letters he Jantar Mantar with pro-India all over the place. Even the ting up books on how to be a has written so far on all sorts knows his May's Procedure wings) cannot find precedents The funnest thing is that perhaps even Mars, but surely for their situation cannot they was divided up it could be the two Congresses do not ap not the past of the Congress pick something from the history organisation

Many of the new Congress- energy and application but her are likely to cimulate them.

TO judge from what you can hall, in the hands of the other Shukla who has the best whisk-knows anything of the party he see from New Delhi, there The rest of Januar Mantar ap- ers in the capital know of has led so ably in the past few

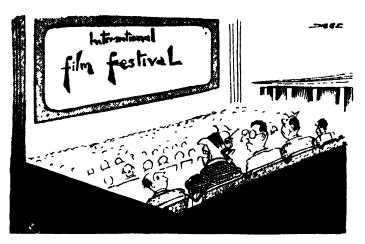
of other parties? What hap-The other side is no better pened when Dr Rammanolar

There remains the proper revolutionary thing Whether he to do. You get your men and

arm them with knives and crowbars. If the other side is more heavily aimed or there is fear of policy action, you just melt away. But if your side is the stronger one, you just scare the daylights of the others by stabbing a few fellows (Leinn never cared for individuals, only for the group, and it is the same with Mao) and throwing the bodies out. If the police do come you can always six that the murders were the we k of agents provociteurs or Amimean agents or the central Intellegence pelice or landlords seeking revenge or something

But Congressmen may have difficulty in pursuing this casy and successful path. After all they still claim to be followers of Malastria Caudhi In the centenary year at least they cannot afford to discard him What Candla might have done in the present case was perhaps to go on fist. One cannot expect Mrs. Guidli to fast out. side the house of Shri Nijaha gappa of Dr. Rain Subhag. Sough to fast outside the resi-

What is presently being employed as the most effective deal of feeling over Rabat member of the government exactly what principle all of activity is to mix persuasion over showing files to TI. One wonders what might them are fighting about and with an occasional show of Krishnanachari (he makes have happened if the Prince why the people of Jantai fist. This, one supposes the news even when he has retired. Minister had stuck to her middle way which Mrs Candin from politics) over Minister had stuck to her Mantai are hurting each other middle way which Mrs Candin from politics).



'I can't stand the vulgar scenes in these foreign films"

the following in every depart- control over. All India Radio ment of human endeavour. In over this, that and the other international affines, null non- But this is familiar ground alignment In economy, the There was always trouble of mixture of private and public this sort. What is new about it actors. In social life Western is that Moraria Desai as

and indeed Mr. Nijdingappa Gandhi's house over Guiral's Sanjiva Beddy for the Presi-

dent Dr Ram Subhag Singh would have remained at his post and Mr Patil would be roaring like a mouse. That just shows how opinions and ideas can change suddenly Why, Churchill once boasted that only a chap like him could rat twice Of course he did not live to see the aya-Rams and gava-Rams who would rat ten times in one day. But the point is that when Churchill left the Torres it was on a particular issue, not on every detail of the party programme whatever that was in those days

In our case, nobody knows what the pother is about What exactly is the principle over which everyone is fighting? The Syndicate is trying to hasten the downfall of the princes and of the remnants of feudalism It claims to be the genuinely socialist wing of the Congress The whole thing sounds bogus

However the party is bound affluence with Oriental simple critical of the functioning to reunite in the near future city in ait Picasso underscored of the lemance Ministry only Di Rain Subhag Singh's warm by the artifacts of the Cottage after he and Tarkeshwariji felictations to Dr Jagiyan Ram Industries Imporium left it and the discovery of and the various statements on dence of Mr. Jagiyan Run.

But there is a crisis of some pervasive. Russian influence keeping an open door as opsomehow it wouldn't chick with sort somewhere. According to over the country is made by posed to a closed one and all the people.

The people is a crisis of some pervasive. Russian influence keeping an open door as opsomehow it wouldn't chick with sort somewhere. According to over the country is made by posed to a closed one and all reports of the goings on in the S. K. Patil only when there is the rest of it are straws in the two Sabhas there is a gicat no prospect of his becoming a wind. We would then know

AGASTYA



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The Syndicate Chorus



The Grand Coalition

(Editor's note deny that there is a certain zany ceptional clairvovance whom Correspondent says but when a nab Well, now you know man talks of the Time Machine But then let the reader judge -Ed)

Dear Editor.

his story "The Time Machine" had left me the contraption in his will. I have since been making use of it on special occasions and coming out with stories that have left you speechless and incredulous But being the decent man that you are,

We cannot gue with some astrologer of ex January 1970

You have always wondered, past events and puts down any

Story for publication

New Delhi, December 5. It is reliably learnt on the casions, whether I was in leas -CPG for short-by the end of stopped somewhere

It is understood that the at*logic in what Our Very Special* any Minister would be glad to tempts of both—the Congress have it, the machine collapsed parties to form a coalition with into the accord room of the This exordium is necessary to the other parties like the Jana AICC office in Jantar. Mantiu and taking a trip on it, his explain the accompanying story Sangh, SSP BKD and the rest Road, which was also a lucky mind must have given way which should properly be date having failed both the CPN break And there I found a top-January 1970 but and the CPG have had secret secret file of correspondence knowing the rather conserva discussions and have agreed between the secretaries of the tive habits of the Indian Press that they should form a coali- CPN and CPG. It was written which wants news only of the tion on the basis of a minimum in code but since the key to it programme. As the paper alhaven't you, how I give you one giving news of the next ways first with the news that "tomorrows news today?" Well, year as mad or a har, I have has often been dismissed as I think the time has come to to take recourse to the con-outrageously untrue only to be let you-even you-mto a section title but mescapable ruse handsomely praised later for its ret. The late Mr. H. G. Wells, of a forecast I shall do so, but prescience, we deem it our to whom I had written an ad- for your private edification. I duty to present this important miring letter on first reading shall give the evidence for the turning point in Indian political development to the public. Your Very Special be hotly denied but we are not 2nd January 1970. Correspondent worried. We are sure of our facts

Annexure Endence

you have been the first to ad- best authority that a coalition for the editors eves As I stat- taken at our respective plenamit, when the event came to government would be formed ed in my explanatory note, I mes on the prevocable split bepass, that I was right and un- in UP of the Congress (Nijahn- got into the Time Machine and tween our two parties It is also canny so You have even gappa)-CPN for short-and got into the first gear when it without prejudice to the exquizzed me on one or two oc- the Congress (Indira Gandhi) developed engine trouble and clusive title that both of us

January 10 1970 Which was just as well. And as luck would had been left with the file as s the practice in the best espimage circles and explicit buraus in the world. I had no lifficulty in decoding the corespondence. Here are the relevant letters

I From the General Secretary of the CPN to the General Secretary of the CPG dated

My dear Illegible

The following is without prejudice to the respective stands Now, for the evidence only the two Congress parties have around claim for the flag, election sym

Shankar's Weekly 7 December 1969 bol, assets and habilities, in- avert it cluding the almirahs in Congress Bhavans, uncollected do- if you have noticed it-indeed nations from business houses with your percipience you and subscriptions from bogus could hardly have fuled to do members, but not the over- so-the thinking of our two drafts

parties are amultaneously woo is leading neither of us any where These chaps are merely getting more and more up ment? I am making this sugges -

mid term poil like the very not have their prive purses? term poll at the Centre which forger is sending tremors of uneasiness through all the MPs who both believe in the ten-point Hind! have spent a fortune in the last programme. Vehat prevents us difficult to start all over again minimum programme - time And the invertainty of it all! bound of course, as our resoluready had a mid-term poll, and has too and forming a coale

And secondly, I don't know parties is remarkably alike You have no doubt come to How else can it be? As our the conclusion as we in the respective resolutions on eco-CPN have done that the UP nomic policy show, we both be situation in which our two lieve in democratic socialism, bank nationalisation, ing unsuccessfully the Jana over of foreign trade, in drink-Sangh SSP, BKD and the test ing water and free air for the poor and all the rest of the tenpoint programme. In fact, since the regrettable split we have pity and putting up then piice becoming fervently committed Would it not be better for us to these radical measures. Per to consider whether it will not sonally I feel we are both creat be possible for us to think of ing mutual difficulties by each a coalition of our two parties trying to outlind the other in o that we can give this much-radical promises and queering harried state a stable govern, the pitch for the other by bring mg up meonyement questions tion entirely without prejudice, For example I im sure you will of course, and if you publish agree that we should be encuinit, I will denomice you as a spect about privy purses of the common forger, as I am bound princes. With the donations to to political parties from companies

election and who would find it from coming together on this None can be sure of the ticket from at the Ahmedabad plenary and when he gets it of getting has demanded and for that elected. And in UP we have all matter, your Bombay resolution another one would be the last tion? It would be quite like old that your letter should have arparties have shown no appres not quite. We shall, for exam- I had finished writing a similar our longer experience can see that we shall have problems from panky with this letter as your



We have orders to pull down this unauthorized construction

Hymn and Prayer for Hesitants

LORD, grant that this day too we sit upon the fence, O, neither run we into any kind of trap, but that all our doings and non-doings may be ordered to keep the options open, for ever and ever Amen

O Thou from whom nothing is hid, Grant that we are not underbid, Grant that we may continue to say 'Nay While dhu ani may convey our 'Yea' Teach us, O Lord, to maintain Our Janus-Face without strain Make us practise the art of vacillation Till it's tipe for our escalation So when the Temptress seeks to lure Us with no more than a sinecure, Or when were drawn to the excitement Of Opposition, bring us chastisement When by our constituents we're harassed And by the awful reporters embarrassed, Icach Us O Sapient Lord, to evade All commitment by mixing light and shade Mid all this blast and counter-blast Teach us, O Sublime Lord, to hold fast, And avoid alike a firm ejection Or the horrors of mid-term election

R R

Yours etc Illegible

2 Letter from the General Secretary CPG to the General Secretary CPN

My dear Contrade Illegible

It is a remarkable concidence. also reserved

But blin you are dead right about the UP situation. It is all so exhausting, and my weight has gone down by seventeen Note pounds Let me tell you, bhar, in confidence the game of working out a coalition with the Jana Sangh or the SSP and worst of all, with the BKD, is not worth the candle. You see, they do not speak our language We have, as you have noted very perceptively in your letter

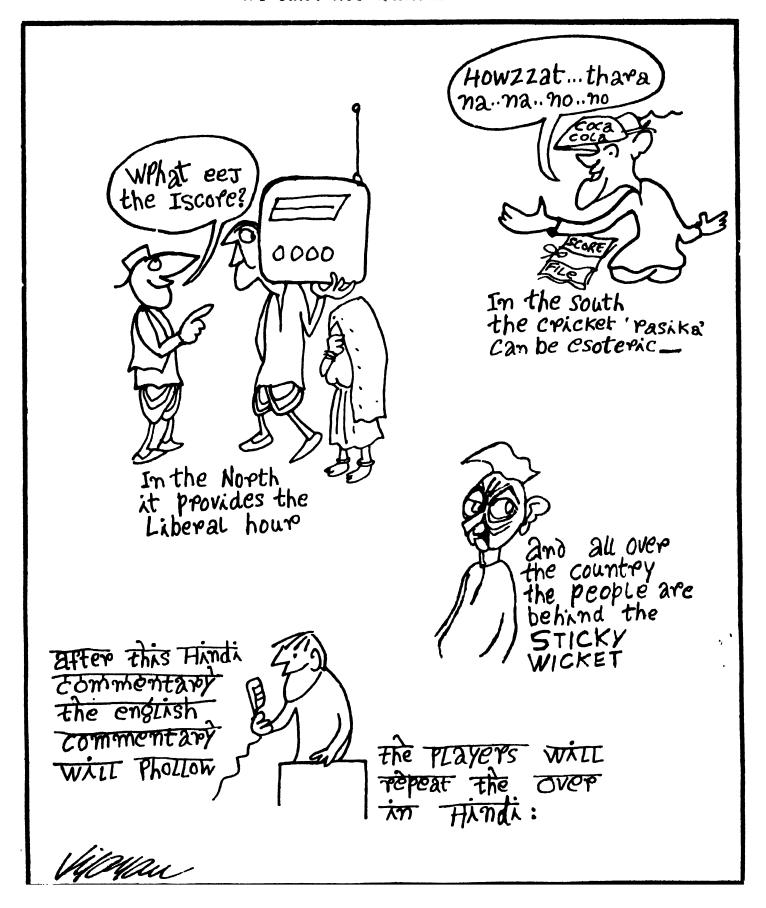
But consider the advantages banned by law how could we all, we were always a coalition, -indeed you were always a perhist, we all want to avoid a fight elections if the princes do providing our own opposition, ceptive man-we understand as that elever American profes- each other and have done so for plague. Things are bad enough Again, if you quote this I shall sor, Paul Brass has written in God knows how long. So, subwith the prospect of a mid denounce you as in incorrigible his book on UP politics. Would jeet to any unforeseen trouble you consider the suggestion from your limatic fringe or ours,
The point is this, bhar We carefully and let me know? Jar I agree that there is a basis for negotiation between our two parties for a stable coalition between us

Who knows, we may be start ing great things It could, for example, lead to a coalition at the Centre and we shall be defeating the knavish tricks of both the communists and communalists, of extreme rightists And though the other times don't you think? Though fived just at the moment when and extreme leftists to take the country on to the road to run cution of this fact, to judy ple have to be a coulition and one to you. But I had better Maybe it was ordaned by God by their reluctance to coalesce not a single party. Any other reply to yours. I need hardly this way that we should split in with you or with us we with course of action would mem add that if you try any kanks this fashion and come together again, though as a coalition to the point of the danger and our respective hardliners. After people did with alleged letters begin with, so that we may fead that we wrote about Mr Subra- the country to its revolutionary maniam's expulsion, I shall de- destiny. Above all, we shall be nounce you as a har and forger avoiding a mid-term poll. That I also make it clear that this is alone should make us come togewithout prejudice to the claims, ther on a time-bound ten-point to party assets that you have programme. Do let me know if we can get going further

Yours always, in the service of the country, Illegible

This, Editor Sahib, you would agree, is explosive stuff Well. it is all yours thanks to my Time Machine which, more reliable in reverse gear than in its forward movement, has brought me back to tell you this tale.

IASON



Thest for the community

employ various techniques for against the Australians gauging the popularity of their observations made by a team of The ratings are important industry because advertising revenue of the stations is linked closely with the size of audiences

are highly ingenious and inte-resting for example it is this proving that out-door seen in big cities like New games are good for health and York, London or Tokyo that should be encouraged when some very attractive programme is on the air millions of down markedly, becoming the general daily average normal again as soon as that programme is over. Now, if ous programmes

everyday life of the community this level but so far no reliable quantitative research had been done

RADIO and LV organisations and for the first time in Delhi programmes and how preferen-researchers put on this job ces for these compare with the have just been analysed. The corresponding figures for what results should be of interest to is put over by rival networks, the government, business and

Checks made at seven of Delhi's hospitals chosen at random showed that the num-Some of these techniques ber of out-door patients on the

There was, however, a slight people defer their baths, house-increase in the incidence of wives suspend cooking, lights innor adments, unspecified but are switched off and the tele-generally grouped as indisposiphones remain imused till the tion,' among the staff of govitem is over. The load on the enument offices, as seen, from power stations and telephone the rise of 47% in the number exchanges and the off-take of of applications for casual leave gas and water suddenly go on medical grounds, above

The overall attendance in one can get the figures for offices fell by 95%, of which these variations you would 2.4% were accounted for by hise a pretty reliable index of urgent personal business" of the relative popularity of variations the affairs." The breakdown according to salary groups showed that figures for those As we all know from personal in the salary scale of Rs. 1000 experience, a Test' match also and above were a little higher makes a big impact on the than those for people below

The number of meetings' to measure the effect. This was fixed at inter-Ministry or inter-



"Youll have to make a long speech tomorrow to assure your stenographers and ghost uniters that they will not be retrenched

H(a)unted out!

(M) M V Krishnappa warns Mr. S Nijulingappa that there' in highly developed countries for the big match last week week Nave to be a 'ghost' at 6, Janpath, New Delhi and urges him to vacate -Neus item)

> At 6 Janpath nook Is there a spook From some long ago ill starred romance? Gappa may not scare But he must be aware That he hasn't a ghost of a chance!

> > LEONORA

department level fell very going on Also, the calls were steeply, the number of officerhours' involved came down by 89 1% In some cases, when attempts were made to fix a meeting during the Test' days most of the officers were found to be unavailable due to "other previous commitments Some meetings however, were un-avoidable because trade delegations from foreign non-Commonwealth countries had chosen these days of all the 365 to come to Delhi and they could not be put off for fear of diplonatic complications

Kintting as a small-scale domestic industry, ancillary to cricket, established an all-time production record Women knitted away while listening to radio or watching TV at home or seeing the game at the Kotla grounds for six hours daily back towards the Pavilion to see if Raj Kapoor or Sharmila Tagore were still there sale of knitting wool was 37 1% higher than for the corresponding week in 1968

In auticipation of the Austrahan T. ams visit, the egg-dealers raised the price from Rs. 360 to Rs 420 per dozen. But subsequently when they learnt authoritatively that the team consisted of only 18 persons including the manager they reduced it to Rs 415

Fewer telephone calls (reduction of 23%) were recorded at the Delhi telephone exchanges during the periods of work in the capital or else-10 10 a m to 12 15 p.m., 2 10 to where 300 pm and 315 to 450 pm when the commentary

briefer (average 15 seconds) and typically went as follows -

"Hullo! What is the latest?"

"Nijalingappa has dismissed Kamalapati Tupathi and

'No, no, I mean about cricket"

Oh, Shehan is out, Australians are 99 for eight

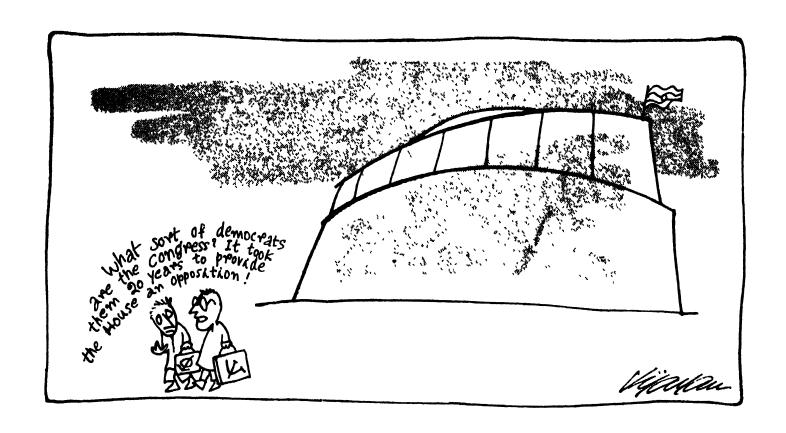
"Hurray! Thank you"

(Receiver is replaced)

There were no incidents of clashes between students and DTU bus-conductors, the usual controversial topics of conversation like buying of tickets being dropped and their place taken by small-scale betting on except for brief pauses for an the outcome of the game. Buses occasional sandwich or looking ran half-empty in the University area

> Movement of files in government offices slowed down by 716%, production in the public sector recorded a sharp decline, the exports fell substantially but the exact figures will be known when the Annual Report for 1969-70 is published m 1976 The number of high officials going on tour from Delhi during the period Nov. 28 to December 3 tell by 93%. A government spokesman said this had no adverse effect on decision-making or the progress

> > HARAL



Grassroots democracy

TT was the third transfer of Dr. a roaning practice at Suvarnapur phase of studies. Firstly, the in-composes into leaderitis? Inter-Survapur, he had refused to Cottage Hospital He could play portional to the number of electionsistence on transfer of persons certify that Sona Bahadur did rummy at the residence of the tions to be held annually for is only one of the minor Fundanot cause grievous hurt to the V1P, while his compounder Panchayats, Co-operatives and mental Rights of the leader The Harijan girl Now, Sona Baha- sold the government salicylates Zilla Parishads, Secondly, the Right not to do any work, the dur was the third cousin of the to the poor, at a fixed percent- worst sufferers were school tea- Right to talk on any subject and aunt of the Sabhapati of the age Dr. Dolittle was a brilliant chers, village-level Panchayat Samiti, so Dr Truth- success at the badminton club nurses, 'talathis', and panchayat Right to be arrogant and disful was at once transferred from and the music circle He was the secretaries, thirdly, caste, party courteous, the Right to inisuse Survapur to Chandrapur Here 'Life of the Party', which he and blood-relations helped to govt vehicles and property, are he was a brilliant success with served with unflinching, unwa- build up immunity to 'Transferi- some of the other acute sympthe poor people of Chandrapur, vering, and unscrupulous loyal- tis." for whom he toiled day and ty As a result, he also developnight. But he was very tactless ed complete immunity to Transwhen he refused to certify that feritis' Moti Bahadur was medically fit as a clerk at fiftyseven. Now, Moti Bahadur had an attack of paralysis, and could not move was the nephew of the materthe twentythird Deputy Minister of the State. The Doctor statuencies, included epoch-mak-Chndrapur to Dirtpur.

Truthful within a year. At during his eleven years at the eidence of transferitis was pro-ference in administration and

The pathology of 'Transferitis' was fully investigated by a team of sociology doctors working his fingers at all, but after all, he under the auspices of the Conscience Foundation Their monunal uncle of the sister-in-law of mental studies extending over a large number of elective conwas therefore transferred from ing experiments with teacher tions of mass illiteracy leads to cheers for democratic decentra guinea-pigs, and rabbits Three significant con-stead of natural healthy poli-mocratitis?

When the history of medicine in developing countries comes dies? you may ask. Firstly, it is to be written, the important role not at all fashionable to find played by the emerging viruses of cures for such things. Secondly, 'politicitis' and 'leaderitis' would if you do not have grassroot leaoccupy an important chapter

The chain of phenomena is not unlike the series of complications arising in bronchitis or and the people? meningitis,

gramsevak the emergence of 'politicitis' in- livation! Or shall we say 'de-Meanwhile Dr. Dolittle built clusions emerged from the first ties. Similarly, leadership de-

workers to mangurate anything, the toms of 'leaderstis'

> Is there no cure for such maladers, what would happen in the next election? Thirdly, how do you dare talk against democracy

Let us therefore sing to the Democratic fever under condi- glory of the grassroots! Three

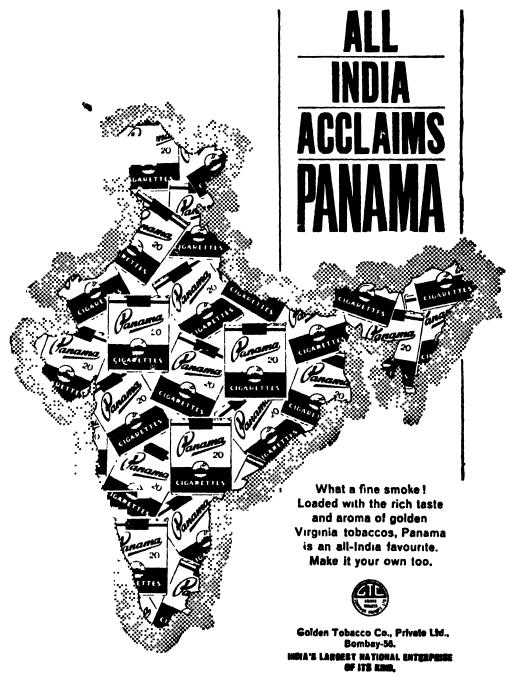
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Guy Fawkes 1969



The "old' Congress Working Committee is launching a frontal attack on gort's economic and foreign policy-News

Scientocracy

THIS is the age of scientists
A nation's strength is her scientists.
How many they are how pushful they are

And Complexeity's in the swim

The whole country's in the swim

And scientists breed as fast as cabbages

We've hundreds of senior scientists
We've thousands of jumor scientists
And tens of thousands of notional scientists

We've national science dictators

We've plenty of zone dictators

We've a legion of field operators

We've umpteen universities
We've postgraduate colleges galore

We've numberless Institutes and labs

Our expert scientists avoid the labs
Our misfit scientists migrate in time
Our pushful scientists plan for Government

Our go-ahead scientists are committee-inen
Our political scientists play at squaring
"Tickle me, Doc, and I'll tickle thee too!"

Since Raman won the Nobel Prize
For forty years a blank —
And Khorona' He's an American now

No matter our brightest work appears In the regional languages Or as committee reports

We'll award prizes of our own For every age-group every chique, Every region, every language

There's so much wilful blindness.

To the tremendous happenings here.

And there is demigration too.

They ignore how masterfully capable we are Of perpetual locomotion And round-the-clock cerebration

Ouce we step on the professorial plateau Our talents turn managerial Manipulative and Kautilyan

Empire-buildings our noble role,
And how titeless our excitous
How globe-wide our campaignings

Last month in Uruguay With a Cultural Exchange Team Lecturing on Science in Puranic India

This month in Eldorado

Negotiating a free computer —

Rather out-of-date but good for show

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Back to the old trick



An all-India magicians' conference was held in Bhopal
—Report.

Next month's already scheduled For a Caribbean goodwill tour To advise on Politico-Science

April to June are busy months for us-Practicals in so many centres To finalise passes and classes

There are Board Meetings thrown in between To choose a professor here To alter the syllabus there

We meet after breakfast to select
The scientists emeriti, and after lunch
To choose the active superannuated

So heetic our ionospheric life We sometimes hold our meetings In Caravelle craft or airport lounges

And as for question paper setting We've devised a card-index system Fool-proof for forty years

But whatever — or wherever — our assignment We converge in Complexeity For here's the hub of scientocracy

Lake gods on Olympus we meet
In Complexcity's committee rooms
In Conference halls, in Conclave cells

We determine policy, polity, quality
We adjust circle and triangle to suit
The shape of personality

We approve the research schemes
We reprove the recalcitiant
We ordain 'Major' and 'Advanced'

We're in and out of the chambers Of Ministers, Secretaries, Advisers, Chairmen, Directors, Representatives

Usan Usili, Usisco
Adam, Eve and Abel Foundations
There oft we hover found

Like the electronic particles

We alle not, nor seek repose,
But orbit the nuclei of Power

Tis only in Complexcity

We can achieve the critical mass

To set our reactors going

And when it goes, it goes!

None shall stop it then,

And we'll rule the wide world.



Mr M V Krishnappa said, Mr Nijalingappa should leave No 6 Janpath, New Delhi, which was a haunted house

Led by the Ear

in a bucket and cross the fox as car he goes up in the other, that's your funeral, or watery grave

I don't mean that the ear a few days back

eye conveys isn't always the ing away as newly-weds will have a percussion cap truth. But in the case of the eye. You pretend to be absorbed in 1th doesn't try to deceive with your newspaper and the couple design For instance, if you see talks away not noticing that through a fairly large chunk of interval. Such a chap would the moon reflected in a well, two large ears, each of the size sleep. I couldn't sleep again crawl nome keeping to the shathe only fact the eye conveys of about nine square inches, are Reading at this ungodly hour dows and try to get in by climbto you is that there is a himi-dimking in every word of their was hardly enjoyable, but a my-ing into the balcopy at the nosity, roughly round-shaped, conversation. It, however, you stery story could always serve back, even if he were Romeo, surrounded by a mass semi-look in their direction, they will as an opiate or at least help but after half a dozen years of transparent liquid substance, instantly lower their voices, pass the time So I switched on wedlock Such a bird wouldn't and that's all. If you think it's a showing that they have been the lamp and found that the ask mother to open the door piece of cheese, go down after it deceived by the treacherous electricity was off. These electricity was off.

off in the small hours of a night the Festival of Lights, that night-shift, who would enter, cheats more than the eye, but woke me up, a sharp continu-in the case of the ear, the organ ous burst of noise which I prefert. They shut off the cur-mama or the better half, showed in the case of the car, the organ is built to be deceptive It's simple to know whether you are ple to know whether you are not; it's easy to say whether your eyes are open or closed, but it's impossible to tell whether you's listening or not bether you's listening or not, be- after Diwali. Perhaps, I thought, stories

THE human ear is a deceptive cause your ears are always stick- it was child with a congenital ing up and open. Suppose for iniserinstinct, who'd saved and somebody shouled close by instance you're in a failway car- saved his crackers past Diwali we say appearances are de-mage and there's a young couple and was now showing off when. From the voice I could deceptive, knowing that what the a little away from you chatter the spendthrifts didn't even duce a lot. This wasn't a man even conveys usn't always the magnitude of the spendthrifts didn't even duce a lot. This wasn't a man

> tricity chaps had had so much haps a truck driver who'd reto do to maintain the power-turned after a thousand mile These thoughts were sparked supply uninterrupted through journey, or a workman after his Something they are fast making up by

'Mother, open the door!'

who went out with the cat and returned with the milkman, Of course, as I'd already been making whoopee during the long drink a glass of milk and if any signs of solutions volubility, would imply go to bed, telling her not to talk rot

> But as I said, here I wis, awake, my eyes as large as saucers, chained by the dark I

to disperse unruly chaps shouting murdabad this and mindame that this punitive measure was invented for the eye. They had thought of the tear gas but of no ear gas

in this direction and that, always returned to the question not a legion of celestial dam- time unawares sels dancing noiselessly in front of me, not the most magnificent were closed, while I'm now being submitted to this torture be cause our Maker hadn't left the use of the ear to our sweet will Confound the crackers thought, and leastways, all childto remand homes

preamble, an intelligent antici lowing in your newspaper pation or approximation which softens the blow. When the postaren't exactly stunned. A long the middle of the Atlantic, but

could hear a couple of gentle time has passed since that dear snores, one of them being of relative has sojourned with you sonny's, who'd asked me to wake and you know that even your him up at as he'd to attend the grace period of good luck was NCC parade at 7, the training already over. But how about the for that day consisting, as he'd surprises for your ear? That informed me, of the bursting of made me think of Diwali again, tear-gas shells. Very useful train- the precarious - preceding week mg in tear-gas and lots of it too, when you couldn't take a step without finding an urchin in your way, about to light a crackbad that Even then it struck er as big as your fist. Here you're fully aware of the mrpending explosion, and yet is the shock anything the less unpleasant? You aren't allowed to scream, shudder or jump lest My thoughts, after rambling you be the laughing stock of the this direction and that, alyour heart back into the ribwhat the devil am I going to cage and walk with a sign of do if I can't sleep? It's funny that relief into another cracker, this

If the ear is so sensitive and vista flashing by miraculously receptive, and if any rough in the night sky, would have treatment accorded to it is so awakened ine, because my eyes effective I wondered why sertreatment accorded to it is so entific research in the field of logistics hadn't taken cognisance produced the means of exploiting it. If a cracker could make a man so nervy as to want to ple stone deaf and the third mation mark after it, or two if ren who burst them the third walk up a wall, why not invent generation will at least be tone- you're feeling real bad. You day after Diwali should be sent something ten thousand times, or a billion times noisier, which would totally incapacitate hu-The surpuses that you get man beings without actually sals. Hundreds of E bombs from your eye are very rarely killing them off? It would be nerve shattering, soul-shaking, very interesting and instructive devastating, there's always a to read something like the fol-

E bomb dropped on Ruritaman brings a letter and you read ma! The defence system of milthat your mother-in law is drop-siles, anti-missiles and anti-antiping in for a longish stay, you missiles, could intercept [5] E want to tear your han but you bombs before they had reached



"This hotel has a computer to tell us which monuments to visit on a shoe-string budget."



"The idea of fusing percussion and string was born when foreign exchange for a good number in our troupe was refused"

the fall-out will render two fu- you can do is to put it in black ture generations of these peo- and white and make an excla-

Naturally there will be repriwould be released by the aggrieved nation (now totally deaf but communicating by computers) and within a few hours all crackers. This was so strange the urban population of the that I'd to get out of bed to have world would be irremediably a gander at this misanthrope

All what a prospect that opened! All the current films will or third time "Mother, open the be meaningless and good old door!" Charlie, pming away in Switzerland will come into his own, you've even had your cup of of some nightbird who'd stopptea, no orators or perorations no nagging, no sound and fury be sparklers and fireworks withalter radically and logic and reabecause however incensed you was over. may be you'd know that nobody would be able to hear you and you'll only be appearing to returning to bed and envying make silly grimaces So you'll mother. either count ten and lump it, or take a club and hit the offender

one penetrated the defence and on the noggin If you've some-dropped bang in the middle of thing complicated to convey, Pardon (capital of R) causing you must put it in writing, which fearful and irreparable loss. An will make a record for all time, estimated 70 millions of people making retractions like 1-never-within a radius of 120 miles from said-so impossible. If you want Pardon have become totally to express more emotion than of this high vulnerability and deaf It's also a certainty that what appears on your face, all may feel like Hamlet bursting with his to-be-or-not-to-be stuff but when you'd pick up pen and; paper, all you'd bother to write would be "O, cheese it!!"

> There was another burst of youngster, if he were visible I got up, leant out of the window looked and heard for the second

About ten houses farther in and perhaps produce his last the lane a group had collected masterpiece. There'll be no bells around a doorway, brightly ilaround a doorway, brightly ilor buzzers no telephones or lumined by the moon A man tapping of telephones, no tape- was knocking violently and inrecording for blackmail or cessantly on the door and what otherwise, no radio and the in- I dimly thought crackers were scasate spate of bhajans before the knocks. The group consisted ed to see whether mother would wake up or sleep through it all. and at Diwali time there'll only. The third was Gorakh the nightwatchman and the fourth and out a bang Human relations will fifth were two large street dogs, waiting to bark at Gorakh after son will come into their own, the din made by the knocker

Some sleep well, I thought,

G. V. KULKARNI



There is no intention of summoning the UP Assembly before 11 February - Report

That Epic Paint

TWENTIETH century civil
ized adults who keep touch vour body only, then themselves up-to-date in my those that touch not only your how what transpired at that those that touch your body. The the collapse of the many-hied man on the chair. The next those that touch your body there are those that touch your body. The the collapse of the many-hied man on the chair. The next touch your body there are those that touch touch your body. The those that touch there are those that touch your body. The paint and brushl He eyed the third and the man lay stretched the poet Keats would have solve in the last category. And it had ordered us to hold him down "Dead?" Miss X asked "Dead?" Miss X asked of them, however, may have, the last category. And it had ordered us to hold him down through some chance comments and Miss X, the ravishing on a low chair the while he catenation of circumstances, Rottingbrain typist, in its thrall did the truly noble job of missed the sensational develop- It worked in us like madness painting his, the professor's, ments which took place during Almost all the students and a pate a blinding electric-blue the period. Before I proceed good many staff had left the We obeyed the order to developments still more college. All the air a solemn sensational, I deem it both ap silence held. The new paint propriate and essential to give called out to us, we obeyed fessor M. the Head chortled, a resume of the exciting events the call, we went to work with stepping a few paces away referred to for their benefit the paints and the brushes. from his beautiful handiwork Rottingbrain was having a face. But soon the sweet concord and pointing his brush at it lift and a make-up. The walls was broken by that stupendous. And now, Reader, the resume had been done during the winter vac, now it was the turn of the effect that we were making paint is being sung further the woodwork The workmen a mess of things and that he'd had taken on the doors and report us to the Head of Rotwindows and shutters that tingbrain. That impelled Miss preciae morning, and had knocked off X to put a deft daub of flampiece. eryd gone home, leaving tins, rose to the occasion, and "O but he looks too too cans, drums, tubs, and barrels administered to his large cars divine!" buist out Miss X. "His of ready-mixed paints scattered swift strokes of a fascinating deep-red nose, his sea-green about everywhere and a whole sea-green. In less than two cars, his electric blue dome! O forest of brushes.

report us to the Head of Rot-tingbrain. That impelled Miss preciated the artistic musterat twelve noon for a few hours ing red on his potato-nose. I ininutes after that, the man tops!"

"What d'you think of it, Proass Professor E He brayed to is over and the epic of new

I don't mind if he is," the Head churuped gleefully "The fellow' been no asset to us Addicted to casual leave be is And cutting classes No sense of responsibility But, alas, gail, who ever died of new paint? The man is alive and will stay alive?

"Sir," I interjected, 'I have a hunch new paint has wonderful medicinal properties That red paint might put Professor E's revolting nose into proper shape, that sca-green paint might reduce his abnormally big ears to normal size; and that electric-blue might correct his head and what's inside."

"Might," gushed the Head "It certainly is a very solacing idea Let's hope the fellow's a different man, an improved

comes to

Dyou think I ought to dapple his electric-blue crown with red, Su?" Miss X trilled,

"Let him be," the Head said. that apex with a flashing election have yet another ambition."

'What's it, Sn?" I gasped, '

ed stern of Professor P a flaming orange," the Head said, his eyes rolling about in their sockets in a wild sort of man-"The blighter's in the staff-room, I suppose? Or has he left?"

"He hasu't chuned Miss X on the long table

Then we shoot up and do the glorious deed!" the Head eried like some great hero of old, and we were in the staff-100m in a trice, having collected the cans and brushes necessary for the realization of the Head's dream

Professor P was

edition of himself, when he away on the staff-room table, He lay on his side Professors A B C, Q, and R were among those present. They beheld us and froz up where they were, their jaws dropping The Head treated the slumbering subject It was my ambition to lather with carefulness and delibera-And then the mert tric-blue, and I have achieved posterior became a blazing that ambition. Let him be for orange its owner still in the the time being. Meanwhile, I aims of Morpheus. "Oh, boy! Oh boy!" the artist exclaimed

And then the riot began We the spell of the new paint on were joined by the General all of us Secretary of the Students' "I want to paint the trouser- lidy friends, and also a few stragglers from the college office Containers and brushes of new paint were served and employed to staggering purpose We emptied whole tins on Professors A, B, C Q, and R "Go to it, mates!" the Head led the way We went to it, leaping, "I saw him asleep on his side bounding about, bawling, blaring, splashing walls, ceilings, doors, windows, ventilators, chairs, tables, blackboards, cupboards, cabinets with new paint, all the colours of the rambow. Then we ran out of paint Nothing daunted, we burned all the papers we could lay our hands on and smeared all the surfaces we could reach snoring with their poty ashes



("A Moscow firm of manufacturers of electric equipment has" developed a sleep-inducing Generator -News item)

NOW, hush thee little baby, The parents of computer-age Thy sire is out tonight Keep mostly out of sight. With thy mother, a lady Both beautiful and bright

They have gone a-dancing To music Pop and Rock, They might return at midnight Or may be one o'clock

With company more congenial, It will be no surprise If they're back at two or three, Now, shut your blinking eyes

It's not for me to sing you Of ancient queens and kings, know not any fairy tales Because such silly things

Are left to old-time mothers Who stay at home at night

Your whimpers do not move me I cannot wipe your tears, But if you press the button I'll buzz into your ears.

Forget about your mum and

Imagine that they weren't, Now steady, close your eyes while 1

Switch on electric current

Good Lord! The voltage shot up The kid's electrocuted! But gadgets, under present Laws

Cannot be prosecuted.

H. R. L.

then we lugged mud from the pool in the grounds into the venerable building, and slung it about. And then there was as unstinted application of pure dust and coal-dust and sand, heaps of which happened to be lying in a vacant lot close by the college

"Sīr!" a desperate vell rose among us

It was the Head Peon and he was adidessing the Head of Rottingbiam who now resembled something out of a fiend's uightmare

'Speak' the Head yelled back at him

"The Chauman of the Governing Board is coming here with a team of white men!" the mental panted out

Reader, you may not believe it, but we all faded out the following instant, not caring to meet the visitors, and came to solid shapes in our homes, shapes expecting a ruthless sack from Rottingbrain And this is what the newspaper brought to me next morning.

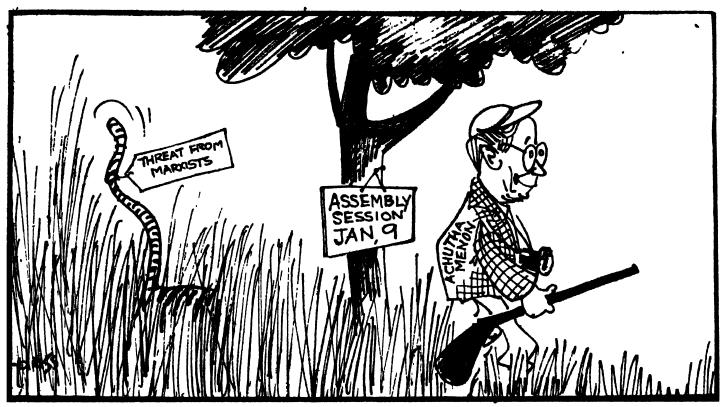
UNIQUE HONOUR FOR ROTTINGBRAIN

Rottingbrain, one of the most distinguished colleges in the country, has done it! It has bagged a most coveted inter-

national award Yesterday ' the International Panel for Promotion of Ultramodern Art paid a surprise visit to this celebrated seat of learning and was itself surprised to discover that it had happened upon the supremest examples of Ultra-modern Art there M Dupont the the world-famous authority on modernistic designs scrutinized the bold and original colour-patterns on the many surjaces of Rottingbrain, not excluding those of the furni-ture and other things, and u as heard to proclaim. "This surely is the very last word in Ultra-modern Artl Here is born, for the first time, the stormy Soul of Modern Manl I vote Rottingbrain the winnes of our Award for this year" There was a brief palaver, and the Panel handed to the Chairman of the Governing Board of Rottingbrain a bronze medal, about the size of a 50P coin, with a small Zero inscribed on it. The Zero stands for Ultra-modern Art, and the medal represents the World's recognition of Perfection in the field of Ultra-modern Art. Bravo, Rottingbrain! Prepare thyself for the highest honours this country can shower upon thee!

M. A. MAZMUDAR





The Kerala wild life sanctuary is in a critical stage and faces many threats, says a group of ecological experts

Entombed Alive

THE deep wailing sound maintained that those who saw trumpeting, but no one had Chand Ph D from his dream-less slumber. This was followed by a load trumpeting of an night before he fell asleep be failed to grasp what was hap- his fixth chapter on "Supernapening around him He slipped turil in Shakespeare's Plays' out of bed and dumped into Lake Bernard Shaw he too disar inviting low chair. This believed in voices, and visions was his first night at the posh of Joan "Galtonic visualisation hotel.

Dr. Pooh Pooh Chand was a mousy man tipping the scale at 120 avon-du-pois and stood 4' weak mouth gave a picture of mind' a badly shaken man

Again the deep wailing sound followed by a loud trumpeting of an elephant gave him a creepy feeling

Di Pooh Pooh Chand scoffed at the supernatural. He was the thirteenth President of on his magnum opus. He had floor facing a placid lake. finished the first four chapters Next morning he discreetly In his fifth chapter he went all made inquiries about the wail-

woke up Dr Pooh Pooh ghosts were born with 'veil of heard them web over their eyes'. He had vet to revise that chapter. That elephant. His befuddled mind completed the rough draft of what else he muttered loudly Shaw was right"

He had been travelling to get more material for his book. To 11" in his socks, that is when him haunted houses were just he wore them His thin bony not haunted Ghosts were fig-face, small watery eves and ments of 'a heat-oppressed

He came to Rajasthan Being a fanly well to do person, he booked a room at a posh hotel which was a princely palace a few years ago In his letter to the manager he had expressed his desire to stay in a haunted room. As there were no hauntthe Society of Scoffers at the ed rooms in the palace, he got Subernatural. He was working the last room on the ground

out against the writer who mg sound and the elephant's

He took a walk in the garden He saw a beautifully laid out garden facing the 100m ١ couple of hundred vards away he saw the placed waters of the lake shippingring under the glare of the sun Ontside ais room and just below the easement he saw a three-feet wide protuberance of the walllooked more like a Rolls bou-

Dr. Pooh Pooh Chand labori ously worked on his book from breakfast to lunch. After tea he would go to the ancient city making inquiries about haunt cd houses. He offered a fair sum of money to those who could show him a ghost, ghoul or werewolf People felt that too much study had made him eccentric Others said that Dr Pooh Pooh Chand was off his rockers

One morning he asked the manager of the hotel.

"Are there many elephants in these parts?

Air there any elephants in the palace grounds?

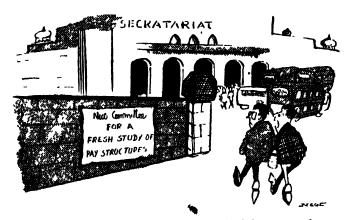
No, sir But in days gone by there were a hundred elephants and there was a keeper of the elephants"

Dr Pooh Pooh Chand mused as he went for his afternoon stroll that the trumpeting of the elephant was understandable, but what about the wail It mg sound? "I refuse to give credence to the supernatural," said Dr Pooh Pooh Chand to lumself. For like all great men he too was fond of talking to biniself.

It was a squally evening when he was returning home Dark clouds were riding on the wings of strong winds lie was now about half a mile from the hotel, and it was already a quarter to nine He was feeling hungry Through a gap in the avenue of age-old trees, he saw a couple walking hand in hand They seem to be intenselv in love with each other

Then came the great surprise to Di Pooh Pooh Chand Their rich costumes were three himdred years old, Before he could

"Yes, air."



'If the money spent on committees had been saved up ue would have got double the salaries we demanded?

around for horsemen but he could not see any coming to- in his room! wards him The couple too had Before his bed stood the beard that too They kissed princess he had seen in the the lake

"O they d get drowned!" epiculated Dr. Pooh Pooh she said in a dulcet voice over the waters?

Fear gripped his heart as he heard a scream, then another, in his throat like a fish-bone quiet

marrow His mind was spinnmg like a top. He found every soft-lit dining-room was crowded From an alcove a string band played light music. The acrobats with food-laden trays held high over their heads

He could not touch his food This nerves were screaming, his brought up by Moti, an old on to the howdah. His hot kisheart slugging his old ribs like servant woman My step-moth- ses would burn my cheeks and hammer-blows the solicitous waiter

"Are you unwell, su?"

"A severe headache Please Years passed don't worry

was unaware of the gale that head to foot. viciously lashed the tops of ing woke him up. The room put lad, whose father was the uttered the first and the last

get over his surprise, he heard was suffused with the fragrance a sound of hoofs. He looked of attar of musk He was wide awake now. He found a visitor

humedly and moved towards evening Her sweet sad face allayed his fright

Chand "How can they escape want you to hear my tragic tale.

heard a clash of swords. He make no reply His breath stuck

hair stood on end like a por- in this palace over three hunone dred years ago Ive come to first arrow cupine's spines Some one dred years ago. I've come to shouted, 'We've got him! He's you, because I had been living wounded!" A hoarse voice in this chamber for twenty shouted, 'Disarm the princess years Formerly this chamber Don't hunt heal" Then all was was six times the present size"

Di Pooh Pooh Chand tried Dr Pooh Pooh Chand was a to get up but his limbs were badly frightened man as he nerveless He couldn't underwalked back to the hotel His stand why the princess came inohars old bones were chilled to the to him and not to other premarrow. His mind was come vious occupants of this room.

'My father, the then Mahathing normal at the hotel The taja, never cared for his poor frozen by this harrowing tale subjects. Harsh laws were passed People were heavily taxed martied sixty-one wives mother was his first wife

In his room he took a cup of the shut casement and heaved accompanied the party. They a with an Equipron tablet to a deep sigh which made Dr. fell on Karm and chained him tea with an Equiprom tablet to a deep sigh which made Dr. sleep He slept soundly He Pooh Pooh Chand tremble from like a criminal. I snatched a

"One day a wild elephant ran mango trees A streak of lightn- amok A young handsome Raj-

keeper of the elephants, jump- word of the princess, "Then?" ed on the neck of the trumpeting elephant. We all felt that he'd be killed, but the boy uttered a few words in the elephants cars. It stopped rooted to the spot I saw it from this casement

A pearly tear-drop from the jet-black eye rolled down to the ivory coloured, rose-petal soft cheeks She stood a pic-

Again she looked out of the shut casement as if she were waiting for some one Di Pooh Pooh Chand sat on his bed spell-bound and tonguetied

"I fell madly in love with this hon-hearted lad All those long endured tortures of hell." twenty years I yearned for affection without getting it. He too loved me to destruction, but he knew his station in life and hence he never showed it to

Agam she looked out of the "I mean no harm to you, sir," window, heaved a deep sigh and "I was I continued her story very fond of archery I loved Dr Pooh P Chand could an elephant to take me for a over his victim' wild game hunt Karni Singh my lover, came on Mastan the then another. His blood was I'm Prinsess Yasodhara," she wild elephant he had tained. My curdled with fear. His white continued her tale, I was born old nurse accompanied me. I brought down a deer with my Mastan's trunk wrapped round me and it put me down from the howdah, but Karni lifted me to the howdah His touch set my blood and passion aflame Surreptiously I kissed his head But my nurse saw She betrayed me for gold ıt

The princess walked to the window and stood there Dr Pooh Pooh Chand was fright-

"My father and most of his wives and children went to the He passed his time in drinking neighbouring state to attend a white-clad waiters moved like and in company of dancers He wedding. Every night after mid-My night my lover would come She mounted on his Mastan and died in childbirth, I was would lift me from the chamber He surprised ers and step-sisters and broth-neck. A day before the party ers rurely saw me. My father returned, we met near the lake had completely forgotten me. at about dinner time. We were caught by the orders of one of She wistfully looked out of my step-mothers who had not soldier's sword and fought. But soon I was disarmed'

Then Dr. Pooh Pooh Chand

"During the night and the following days I passed through acons of agony for the safety of Karni Singh When my father knew what had happened, he ordered bricklayers to build a second granite wall outside my room The distance between the

two walls was three feet?

Expectantly she looked out of the windows, and continued, ture of stately grace in a gold "On that fatal day my right, brocade period dress hand was chained to Karm Singh's left I did not know anything for I was heavily drugged We were lowered into the hollow and the bricklayers finished their nefatious work. We were buried alive. I was drugged but poor Karni must have

A few tears dropped down her cheeks and fell on the rich carpet at her feet "Mastan was pining away One day my father went to the stables to see a new wild elephant. All of a sudden Mastan broke loose, lifted my father with his trunk and came trumpeting to the wall and then dashed him against it shooting. One day I asked for Then the loyal beast fell dead

> Beads of perspiration dropped from Dr Pooh Pooh Chand's face and hands. He was trem's bling with rage

> Dr Pooh Pooh Chand 1eturned to his room and destroyed his magnum opus

> > I R P. MODY



-FILMS-

"Tamanna"

THE opening scene shows a young man (Biswajit) - to Bombay - for studies and big daddy blessing and exhorting him to keep in latter art is so contrived mind their 'khandan,' 'gaurav,' that it defies any analysis etc., to study well and prepare Nazir Husain as daddy scores himself to go West of West ie. and Mala Sinha gives a polish-America. Our hero goes out ed performance. The dialogue and, true to type, contracts the is good for the most part and acquaintance of a final-year two songs are catchy Direc-medical student, Mala Sinha thon, screenplay and story by Love blossoms when down Atma is a case of the burdened comes a bombshell in the form man throwing the weight in of the forgotten father of the girl. This man, a dacoit and from purpose a lugitive from justice had carlier goofed and not married Mala Sinha's mother Sarol Singh) lets (Mala Suraj (Biswajit) know the truth mortal classic performed by Suraj does not bother about the Leningrad and Bolshoi lineage, succession rights, etc., Ballet artistes, in 70 mm sovand chooses to marry her This color and stereosound brings on him the wiath of knowledged as one of the best



Mala Sinha, Biswant

the house we have intermission here. What follows after is soporific material The hero joins the police force and is posted in his own village. His wife does a bit of doctoring. By a series of incredible twists discoit father-in-law come face stifles. to face in a shoot-to-kill strug-gle in daddy's house. Things go had for the hero. He is down but not out. Bang, bang, down but not out. Bang, being, This one is a preceding comis to control her mind by goes the revolver and there panion reel to the Swan Lake, psychic powers and lead her

stands the brave wife who has just shot her own father Good wins over Evil and all live happily ever after The first part of the fillum limps along with stretched sequences The the middle and running away

"Swan Lake"

Lenfilm presents the unto claim

There is one question. Is it wise to have the ballet filmed as such from start to finish? No doubt, the cinematographie techniques are admirable and colour is pleasing and the sets of girl who commands the turn are lovely. Formidable work, round look ballet of this virtuosity were compressed to half its present length! We have now too much

"Only Girls in the Sky"



"The Suan Lake"

daddy who kicks him out of in the world, the troupe con- A group of about twenty entersists of ballerinas who combine prising Russian girls tell us in to give an ensemble of exceptiacy style what it feels like to tional bulliance The ballet do acrobatics in the air We unfolds the wellknown tale of a miss many a heart best looking prince's love for a girl cursed at these lovelies laughing at to become a swan by a magi-danger. They do freefalls The villainy of the twists, loops, perform a ballet, magician is no match to the a snake dance and enact folkunsulled love of the prince lore - all in inid air with un-who, when enraged by the opened parachutes, leaving us evil designs of the former, kills spellbound at their courage, him. But he has a dying swan determination and love of sport The spectacle that With the two films the Russians comes off this simple story is display their mastery of ballet a rare treat. Music by Tchai- on ground and in the air. We kovsky is superb and each seratch our heads for superlascore brings a new thrill with tives at this very summit of showmanship

"The Vengeance of She"

The blurbs are loud on Olinka Berova and silent on the film itself They may well be the camera is ever on the move for there is nothing particularly participating in the ballet The great about the latter. Olinka mix-and-dissolves are excellent, Berova is amply staked, the sort Truffaut is said imagination and musical craft to have called cinema the art have gone into the making of of photographing beautiful the film. Yet, would that a women. If that be true, this is cinema If one pursues the logic of it, there is bound to be no satisfactory answer The in the story the cop son and the of too good a fare and it almost set-up here is about a lost land, a certain Akuma, where the master is keen on getting back Anysha his queen born in the present. The modus operands

to her rightful place by the king He desires that she be bestowed immortality This leaves much scope for mysticism and associated rituals. The girl chosen by the High Priest is Carol (Olinka Berova) of Scandinavian origin and while on her way, those who stop her meet with the inevitable end wrought on them by HP and his wise men But there is Dr Philip, the psychiatrist who follows her to the lost land and after an adventurous stint, retrieves her for his own benefit And the land of Akuma together with its inhabitants is lost forever

Situations of this nature (in line with the imagination of Rider Haggard Pal-ul-don of Edgar Rice Burroughs, the world of Garth, etc) are to be viewed with a certain amount of suspended belief. Then and only then such films pass as odd entertainment If the intention of the producers (20th Century seven hammer) is to show some sort of conflict between rational psycho analysis of the mind and the grotesque nature of supernatural powers, then this surely is not the way Olinka Berova apart, this film has no entertainment value which, as a general rule, is available in films of the 'suspended belief variety.



Olinka Berova

At the Exhibition

A WEEK of general bull, we dashiv Sathe's Rani of Thansi liberate Contrivance than as an are instances of profound underhave Sadashive Sathe and (not in the exhibition), a nine-evolution in the understanding standing of the anatomy. work, and now and again they can and Ram of Jhansi yield a visual pun where a certain figurative proposition is presentational to the emotive proximated to However, the and the abstract does not seem body suggests very little aesth- attempt to strain at meanings,

Netra Sathe at Shirdharan teen feet bronze statue in GwaSatish Gupta at Triveni, Isha lior and the equally large Shivineathesis and an impeccability of
Mahammad and Debabiata Chaji statue in Bombay are classic craft about most of her canvaskraborty at Fine Arts Gallery and pieces with both the inherset. and Amina Ahmed Kai at the ent limitation as well as the Foyer Gallery of the Laht Kala appeal of that kind of work In Academy Amma Ahmed Kar this exhibition we have an exhad spent over twelve years in cellent plaster study of Viveka-Paris, which association she genanda, which done on a larger nerously illustrates in both her scale, could have been monu-urbanity and the occasional gar-mental. The Gandhi and the mshing of French captions. Her Nehru heads are interesting but paintings are non-representation- they to not seem to express the al, without being the kind of full personality of the subjects abstraction where the details are Perhaps portraiture is not ironed out to form larger areas. Sathe's forte, seeing how he is of visual sensation. In fact, there considerably better in larger siis a good deal of intricate figure triational exercises, like his Shr-

But the take-off from the rewhole lot of them taken as a very convincing There is an tic adventure. They are pretty and they have little more amount of Netra. Sathe, whose bitton than staying pretty. and green women attempt little more than a tentative stylisation The Sathe couple are basical In fact, some of the pictures ly academicists Both Sadashiv could well pass for high quality

Isha Mahammad, agam, presents a similar contradiction. In fact, the contradiction in his case appears even more serious. because from the two charcoal sketches exhibited here I was frankly puzzled as I moved on towards the oils. The oils, which one would have expected to be maturer and more complete works, seem just the opposite There is an unsureness of imagery which led Mahammad to create a series of purposeless distortions. The result is a kind of unical exhibitionism Coming back to the sketches, 1 found Isha Mahammad an exceedingly good draughtsman The failof conception

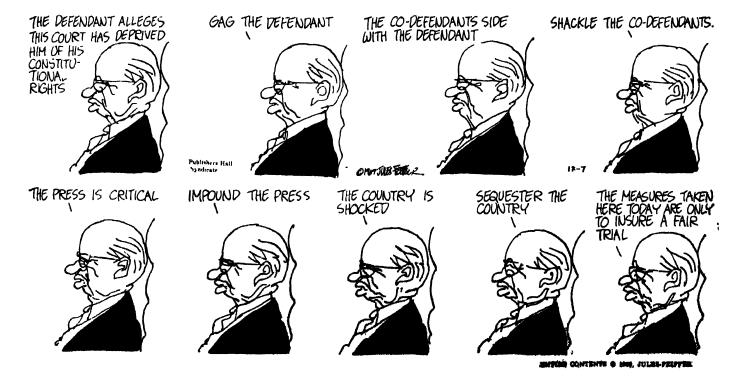
Sathe the scultpor and Netra magazine illustrations. The leap are impressive pieces, and their pose we have to keep this handi-Sathe the painter are confident from this to the ostensibly artistic strength lies in their consider cap in mind m then academic exercises. Sa- stic comes about more as a de- able honesty. Storm, and Exile

Sculptor Debabrata Chakraborty reduces the human situation to a literal conglomeration of human figures. These are elongated shapes, occasionally resembling the Bengal School prototype, and at other times looking like Henry Moore. Within this limitation, Chakraborty has attained a certain finesse. His strength lies in composition He keeps his nerve even while taking to a large number of figures Added on, by sheer insistence, they create dramatic clusters

Sculpture is a difficult discipline Improvisation and invention come to the painter with great facility It is difficult to improvise in sculpture. For the same reason, it provides far fewer escape valves than paintme therefore is not of craft, but ing In such essential expression it is harder for a sulptor to avoid repetition or to avoid looking derivative While expressing disappointment with any particular Satish Gupta's ink drawings exhibition of sculpture, I sup-

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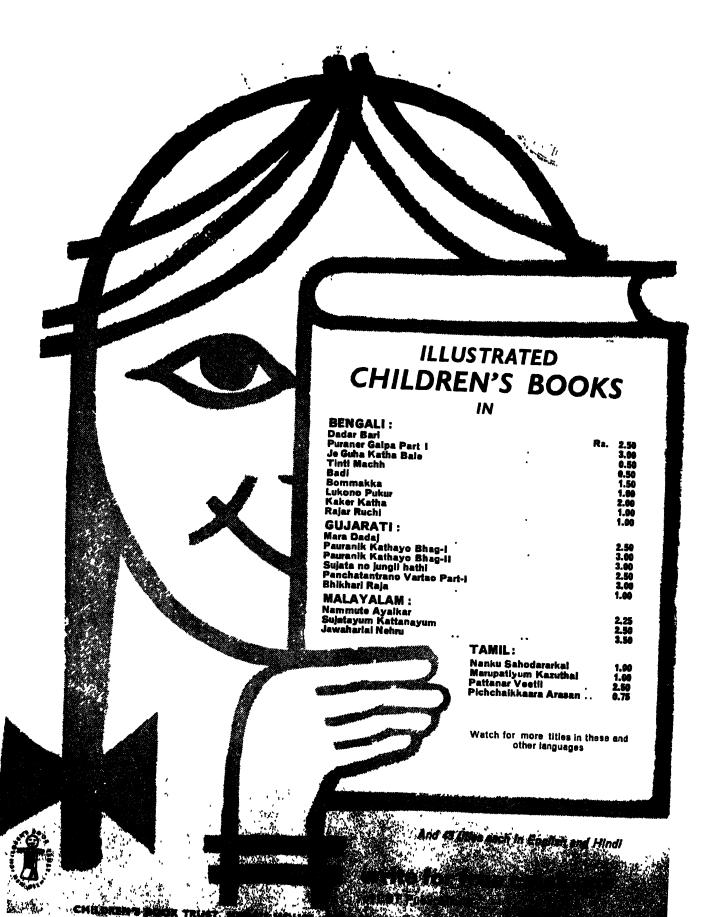
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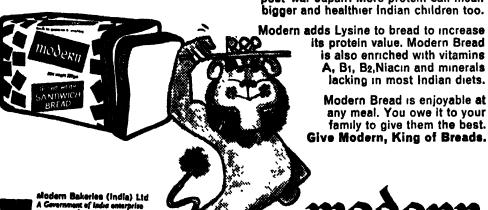
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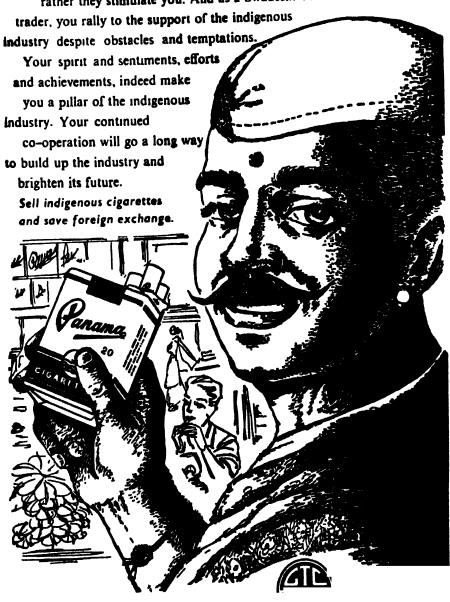
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FREE THINKING

AS the battlefront rings with cries of socialism one is reminded of the story of Lord Mountbatten telling a campaigner on behalf of Britam's Labour Party "Oh, we're convinced It's the butler and the cook you should conveit". The story may be apocryphal but it nicely summarises our political situation. Mrs. India Gandhi seems to have persuaded almost all the industrialists, the princes, the piess barons and the chambers of commerce and industry to accept socialism. She and he supporters now only have to convert the people.

A lot of work has already been done, obviously The Home Ministry has prepared a document showing that people in the countryside are seething with unrest. It must be the same people 'who returned 99 BKD members to the Uttar Pradesh Legislative Assembly in the last mini-general election. Or are they those who voted for the Jana Sangh and the Akalis in Punjab? Mr. P. Sundarayya made the same discovery some years ago. The Home Ministry's imprimatur makes the whole thing authentic and respectable. With this dynamite burning up, the socialist Congress will have no difficulty in securing a mass base. Unless the Cong-O latches on to it earlier. It will be a sight for the gods to see Mr. S. K. Patil and Mr. Nijalingappa organising agricultural labour for the coming socialist revolution.

"Thekedari' socialism implemented by friends and relations over tea and cakes at expensive restaurants can be as inspiring as Lenin's dash to Russia in a sealed train to lead the October Revolution. Will we abolish capitalism by law as we did away with untouchability with central legislation? Will the industrialists voluntarily donate their institutions to workers' representatives and retire to ashiams or will they become members of the working class themselves, "longing to live no better than they" as Mahatma Gandhi once said in a different context?

These are of course minor details which will no doubt be worked out by one of the government departments. Even a special cell in the 'concerned ministry' may be set up. The important thing is to get the message across to the people. Will the old 'padayatra' plan be revived? Or does that smack of the old Establishment, youthful dash requiring peoples' cars and other methods of transport?

No word has been so perverted and debased as socialism in recent times. The Establishment has twisted it to mean something else and trampled on it. The socialist parties use it as a slogan against the adversary. The Left Communist stabs a poor, harmless Right Communist in the name of socialism. There is considerable danger from overworking a word that is devoid of meaning. When the people get to understand that socialism is simply the name of a power structure and no more, things will happen to the leaders in much the same manner as they are happening to the British Labour leaders. Mountbatten is still there but his butler and cook remain unconverted.

The Man of the Week

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PLEASE TURN OVER FOR PEN PORTRAIT

The Man of the Week

N IXON may go down in history as the authentic political representative of WASP (White Anglo-Saxon Protestant) society aghast at discovering that he is expected to validate liberal values at home to domestic values in dark frocign areas He personifies the moral and material dilemmas of a country that has a democratic structure at home and an imperialist mission abroad It is of little help to him that the Russian leaders are in the same boat usth him over communist pinciples which are safely preached at home and quictly ignored in Czechoslovakia If Viet Nam can bring any good it is that a number of lies has been exposed. For instance, the business of the West's civilising mission is

busted The shame and tragedy of Song My has worked on the conscience of American youth. But the old vang is only pretending to be shocked They know very well that in wars of this kind between people without similar racial or cultural bonds, many atrocities happen It is not an American subaltern or two that is on trial presently but the US Establishment They made democracy a slogan in the cold war and now that people are earnestly taking up their right of dissent, Spiro Agnew can roll his eyes at the liberal press and George Wallace declare war against blacks white radicals and everyone else who does not agree with him All those maimed and mutilated bodies in Viet Nam are asking one overwhelming and portentous question-when the current goes against the West's system, does it upset the game? There are too manu problems Clana looms over the horizon Populations in the hungry colouicd world explode Young people poke open old cupboards and out spill a number of skeletons People do not stay in the stations which had been allotted to then by the system Isul it for easier to use the Lomb after all and end the came? Surely Nixon and his set must be thinking on these lines in the deep of the night

United Fronts

TELL nic, Sanjaya, on that happened between the components of the United Front.

Shankar Ray.

That is the United Front and put Atulya back. commanded by great leaders. When the mid-term elections The Left Communists who There is Ajoy Mukherji of great came we were back in square made money on the sly because valour in his home district of Michapore, and that is the Ministry and heads fell.

Mighty Jyoti Basu the maceOne Left Communist wielder

the art of the bow, and yonder ed is Revy Kumar Banerjee whose pointing finger is deadly

There are many others, all leaders in their districts, in towns, villages, mohallas and bustees.

Now I shall show you our own leaders, yourself, Atulya Babu, P. C. Sen

And then we have Ava Maity stands and A K Sen and many many warriors who have faced the on in Kerala. barncades

theirs compact.

one, the two hosts sounded their Korala Congress battle cnes There were shouts of "Inquilab Zindabad" countered by shouts of "Congress Zindabad" till the sky reddened and it threatened to rain.

Then Ajoy Mukherji took his great pen and wrote a letter cabinet policy. attacking the Left Communists Dharma Vira stepped in and cover that some of his colleathere was fear of chaos

Our people sang with joy But Ajoy withdrew the letter bribery he thought they were and there was consternation only advancing the revolution. The ministry fell.

ground in Chowringhee and defeat. At this point there he charged M. N. Govindan and earlier at Trivandrum, what was rumoured that the Con-Nair And Nair attacked him. gress at the Centre was crackıng.

When the Congress leaders G L. Nanda whose White down There was a loud noise saw the warriors of the Front Papers are the terror of the and that was that. m West Bengal, Pratap Chan-sinners, rushed to Calcutta and dra Chunder told Siddhartha set up an ad hoc committee. Menon was suddenly installed But Kamaraj pulled him up as Chief Minister. That caused

One Left Communist stabbed a Right Communist A revolt-On the right stands Bish- ing socialist fell at the hands

Horrified, Ajoy went on fast time to demonstrate. to stop the rot But the Marxibye-elections sts won two Meanwhile you Ray went over to the Congress in power and became Socialist.

So now the position is that the UF is about to crack and nobody knows where anybody or two things you can learn.

O King, when Namboodiri-Our lists are unwieldy but pad ascended the chair of state

But his first aim was against cter the Right Communists So he set T V Thomas to make up an in-excellent precepts I shall aldustrial policy resolution and when the party polithuroau detected it, publicly disowned his

Then EMS was made to disgues were dishonest. But when his own men were charged with

So the others included him

There were shouts of triumph in the list of the corrupt. So

Then the whole United Front cracked and came crashing

Then, O Blind one, Achutha a shock

The Left Communists who one. Now Jyou had the Home they had contacts in the Government felt sorrowful. Some deserted. Others put up a fight.

In the fight the police, waiting for their chance, used their wanath Mukherjee, subtle in of a Maixist Plunders multipli- lathis lustily. And the Marxists decided this was not the right

And that is the story of the United Fronts.

But is there nothing to learn, Sanjaya, from this? After all the Bhagavad Gita' gave a lot of advice

Well, O King, there are one

When Apoy Mukhern is Chief Tell me, Sanjaya, what went Minister he is progressive, when he deprecates violence, he is reactionary.

When the Muslim League is there were cries of fear and with EMS it is a progressive Having said, this, () blind rage in the Congress and the party If it joins any otherne, the two hosts sounded their Korala Congress group, it loses its class chara-

> Thank you, Sanjaya, for these ways remember them If my sons had known this at Kurukshetra, things would have been different.

> > AGASTYA

-Odd Signs-

At Military Hospital, Delh. Cant.

Patient's dinning hall.

In front of a shop in Bangalore:

Cardboard packages and cartoon makers

Board outside a room at the Tis Hazarı Court building, Delhi

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The rival groups in the Congress have been removing persons from primary membership of the organisation

To Bombay via Ahmedabad

encounter, you will recall, they had parted on their way back from the Banagalore session of the AICC. It was a painful occasion for both of them and to me the narrator.

brought them together again in station to arrange their journeys respectively to Ahmedabad and

These last have been anxious onths for both, especially for anditji. As I have said before, they are identified with the door was still open. "old guard" and the "young

Pandit Purva but as Janta Congressmen, they quisitioned Panchang and Tarun Turki, the are the sort that their respective AICC" in Delhi was a moment and not too long to be noticed two common garden Congress-leaders take for granted This of extreme agony for Panditi. by others. It was judged and men whose amtable chitchat on has really provided the bond, For one mad moment he even executed to a nicety as only the great events of our times, I the special love-hate relation- considered attending it. He Pandith could do Indeed he has used to report faithfully in ship that had held them then considered signing the re-been doing things like this all these columns? On their last together until Bangalore snap-quisition but not attending the lis life. Nevertheless, he has ped it, like much else in the meeting. And then again he now to make up his mind and Congress

turned over the idea of not his inclinations being what they To Panditji in particular, the signing the requisition but atwere he was now on his way split was real agony, since the tending the meeting. Each idea to Ahmedabad one thing he had avoided all had its snags If he signed and Tarun Turki's problems were em and to me the narrator. his life was to make a choice if the papers printed that fact of a different kind He was a But fate, as it is said, has and thriven well on the circum- he would have burnt his boats young turk all right and for stance, thank you. But the urrevocably and he hated to do weeks after bank nationalisation "split" made it inevitable that such things On the other hand, he had been walking on air one of its more playful moods. "split" made it inevitable that such things On the other hand, he had been walking on air. They are both queuing up at he should make the choice if he attended the meeting and seeing revolution round the third-class window — they He has supported every "unity" without signing it, there may be every corner But since then, being no Netas — of the Delhi move since the famous Work-telltale photographs—taken no other doubts have supervened. ing Committee resolution after doubt by the organisers just to the Presidential election in defoat intentions like these- for himself to Bombay for attending the August, and is still clutching at that will give the whole game. At the booking window, as I rival sessions of the AICC.

straws like Mr. Jagjivan Ram's away. He finally compromised said, the two met and charastatement, on his being chosen by dropping in at the Vithalbhai eteristically it was Panditji who Congress President by the Prime Patel House where the remade the first move Minister's Congress, that the quisitioned meeting was held, Pandith: Namaste Bhai Saab. door was still open.

The property of So the compulsion to make a who was attending the meet-know I have thought a hun-

FATE will play its little tricks: turks" in a loose sort of way, decision on the eve of the "re- ing. He stayed there just long session of the enough to be noticed by some

But perhaps he should speak

dred times, if once, of coming to you during the last two or for the last occasion on our way no clue to the history and chaback from Bangalore

mit the provocation was great herei

Bombay.

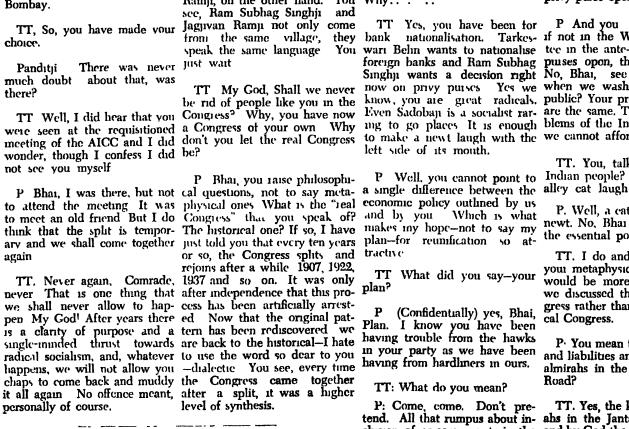
choice.

Pandıtıi much doubt about that, was there?

wonder, though I confess I did be? not see you myself

again

P: Bhai Saab, How old are you? No, no, don't get offended racter of the Congress Do you know that the split that looms so Ramp, on the other hand. You Why.... from the same village, speak the same language



blame, though you would ad- compared to what happened at ing. No, no, don't protest and dal retainers. . Surat? Why man, shoes flew in let me complete When you say Still, as tlings have panned out the air on that occasion and the the real Congress, you cannot since, I can afford to be gen- moderates and the extremists mean that either my Congress or Not so fast! We still do not have erous, since reaction is on the were not on speaking terms for your Congress at the moment is a prince in our Working Comretreat. But what brings you years after that And yet after the real Congress in the historimittee. a few years, it was one largo cal sense. I have just demonshappy family again. No, don't trated it And at the metaphy-Pandith: (smiles ingratiatingly) The same, I suppose, on that brings you On to Alimodabad as you are bound to and on about it. Take Jag Jivan tween your Congress and mine, is in the ante-room with his

> TT Yes, you have been for they bank You war Behn wants to nationalise tee in the ante-room with privy foreign banks and Ram Subhag puises open, the same as we. Singhi wants a decision right No, Bhai, see what happens now on privy purses. Yes we when we wash our clothes in know, you are great radicals, public? Your problems and ours Even Sadoban is a socialist rar- are the same. They are the proming to go places. It is enough blems of the Indian people and to make a newt laugh with the we cannot afford to quarrel left side of its mouth.

and by you Which is what makes my hope-not to say my tractive

(Confidentially) yes, Bhai, in your party as we have been having from hardliners in ours.

TT: What do you mean?

P: Come, come. Don't pretend. All that rumpus about in- ahs in the Jantar Mantar Road clusion of ex-communists in the and by God the key to Socielism. Working Committee and then the unfilled vacancies in your parliamentary party and Mr. Suthe ever open mouth of his mirahs. Fair division, I think, about preferring to sup with even in terms of Mr. C. Subra-communists if it came to it, and maniam's amiable idea of a deso on. Mind you, I sympathise, unlike some others on my side who rejoice at these difficulties of your party. Why, the new P: Comrade, I think we shall Congress is not very different start quarrelling once again if from the old.

TT: You are a devil. You would muddy the purest of revolutions with your cynicism and demoralise the most dedi-

TT. You would make black cated comrade with your insi-white. I should have known it muations and innuendos of futhree months and apologising What I mean is, you really have before I started speaking to you. tility. Yes, we have our troubles about communists As a Tarun P. Even our resumed friend- Turki, I am especially chary of ship, if I may say so, is symbo- letting the communists take Tarun Turki (a decent fel- large before you and whose ca- lic of the pattern of the Con- over. But what has it to do with low at heart, really) Forget it thartic effect has still left you gress. A break and a friendship our being the same as you blo-Comrade. I was perhaps to dazed is really a passing tremor at a higher level of understand- ated capitalist stooges and feu-

P. Not so fast, Bhaai saheb,

TT: We no longer have and privy purse open.

P And you have others still nationalisation. Tarkes- if not in the Working Commit-

TT. You, talking about the P Well, you cannot point to Indian people? It will make the

> P. Well, a cat is better than a newt. No. Bhai You fail to see the essential point.

TT. I do and you don't with TT What did you say-your your metaphysical Congress It would be more to the point if we discussed the physical Congress rather than the metaphysical Congress.

> P. You mean things like assets and liabilities and the key to the almirahs in the Jantar Mantar Road?

> TT. Yes, the key to the almir-

TT:May I suggest something? You keep the key to socialism bramaniam putting his foot into and give me the keys to the alcorous partition of the Hindu undivided family?

> we continue the conversation. So will you take your blasted presence away from here and let me be?

> > **JASON**





Mr Charan Singh has said he was ready to form a government in UP with the Tripathi group's support

PARLIAMENT

Party kaleidoscope

RARELY has the Lok Sabha ed to be more an exhibition of Mr. S. N Mishra and his friends sion, Mr Muraham of the SSP tions offered to him by all the on the Rabat issue peakers. The boycott staged by

This discomfiture on the choice wait long And the election of chiness Whatever their equaties and their Praja Socialist and of the Deputy Speaker has not, the Deputy Chairman of the tions on other issues, her critical and their Praja Socialist an

done such orderly business as when it elected Prof G C. Swell, the Independent Member ed protest against. the "tactica" of the Khasi Hills of Assam as Deputy Speaker to fill the the Opposition, they left the field poet vacated by Mr. Khadillar alang Norther could they are a such as the Composition, they left the field they are a such as the Composition, they left the field they are a such as the could be more an exhibition of the political strategy. post vacated by Mr Khadilkar clear. Neither could they sponwho has since moved to the sor their own candidate, Mr. Treasury Benches. Half the Op- Kunte not obliging, nor could position Benches were empty as they make it appear that they the House voted unanimously had anything against Prof. Swell for Mr. Swell, their occupants himself Evidently, it was a bad having thought it better to wait bargain, the ruling party had in the lobbies than join in the once again successfully managbusiness of the election That, ed to isolate its rigid opponents however, did not detract from by joining hands with the comthe pleasantness of the occasion, muusts and the DMK and In-Mr. Swell being a popular mem-dependents and other small ber and besides young and a regioups in the House, leaving presentative of a minority com- Mr. Ram Subhag Singh and his munity also, all of which were friends red in the face Rather common points in the felicita- a repetition of the confrontation

Samyukt Socialist allies appear- however, dampened the hopes of Raya Sabha is a crucial occa- could not but support the Bill

in the Raiya Sabha on putting being a candidate in the run, the government in a spot in having secured the support of the election of the Deputy Chair-man of the House which is to Sangh et al. as against Mr. take place shortly But the gov- Khobaragade (Republican) reernment is not unduely worri- portedly favoured by the CPI, ed, since the Opposition is even DMK, and others. But this is more split on the issue than in just now a situation to cause the Lok Sabha The most notable worry more to the Left Opposidivergence being that between tion parties than to Mrs Ganthe CPI and the CPM. The dhi, though in the long run she latter seems to have realised too cannot ignore the implithat an understanding with the cations of a CPM-SSP alliance SSP is an important step in its stretching to the Congress(O) strategy to settle scores with and Swatantia in the far Right, the CPI in the context of Kerala and West Bengal Ap- Meanwhile, the easy passage parently the projection into of the Constitution Amendment Parhament of the agreement Bill to extend the period of rereached between Mr George servation for scheduled castes Fernandes and Mr Sundaray- and scheduled tribes for another ya for common action on natten years has sort of further tional political issues cannot underscored Mrs. Gaudhi's

and indeed it has been passed without any dissenting vote in the House For once the gov- Couple-Middle-Aged ernment's lack of clear majority in the House proved of no embarrassment at all. The debate on the Bill though mark- the music ed by differences on the question of how long the reservation should whether the Anglo-Indian comnumity should continue to get representation by nomination the Jana Saugh being opposed for you? to it-nevertheless, seemed to underscore the concern felt by all parties not to lag behind in supporting the measure, the dead to the world! You've spoilt stakes involved being Harijan my anood for music votes, besides the purely socio- Urchins economic reasons for the ex-tension which are undoubtedly Critics like Mi Asoka Mehta found fault with the government for not being alert enough and for having waited so long to come before the House with the amending Bill But it did not help Mr Govinda Menon to get the House to agree to give the legislation retrospective effect Mr. S. N. Dwivedy voiced his dark suspicions that the government was planning a mid-tern poll. The problem now is to get the Bill ratified by at least half the number of State Legislatures in another six weeks time But the States are not likely to demur in such a matter since it affects them too vitally

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Editor

Overheard at the Book Fair, Pardon Me

Let's peep in at the Book Fair for a moment, you'll like

Yes, it sounds divine

You hear the records, I'll continue and have a quick look at the books.

I knew there was a catch Books, ugh! Isn't reading the whole evening at home enough

Well, just a quick glance

I know your quick glance When you see a book you are

You and your waste paper! I think the carminding racket was better

Wait a moment, they'll now start giving away the hand-

But people don't seem to throw them away-they treasure

They are only waiting for the blue-caps to go away-then you'll fill your sack with waste paper as if you had done the gaibage dump near the Income Tax Office

I still think we'd have been better off at the car park

Ooh, what a groovy bell-bottoms you are wearing! Where did you buy it?

Like I saw a Firanghi chick at the discotheque and described her clothes at the Ooshah Boutique-they dig you there.

Real cool I ve also got a thing for ponchos and stretchpants, but I can't wear them at inv pad-my ancestors are so oldsville

Shame! Mummy-baby 15 so ancient, but it bugs me how Daddy-o is a cube too! They won't give me the bread to buy a new sam either!

How ghastlyl

But that's a fantabulous rag you have wound, bet you shelled out a fortune!

Nix, nix It's gunny-cloth I cats at the teach-in say it's just stration gas

Black-Pants

But why books in those lan-ribbon! guages?

strangle our culture, take over the city and the whole State!

their languages in our face! Then wiggly alphabet like worms and insects

Like a crow's footprints in mud! Tchah!

Yes, Devanagri is the only civilised script, all the others are barbarian

Long-hairs

That crowded sector there? Yes, that's where they are I spent three hours there, yester-

Which books did you read? Oh, the usual stuff that's sold on the footpaths-you name it, they have it

Have they any good spy stones

Let's go and see Buy a ticket that our Party and we'll make a beeline for the second-hand bazaar

Won't you buy a ticket too? Oh, I've got a season ticket. that's how I was able to browse through so many books in just three days

Teddies

II.

Hi, yai, but you're late to-

Ýes, I had afternoon practicals, yar Such a bore! Were

there a lot of girls here today?
The whole F Y Arts, yar, you've missed them

Look, look-isn't that Poopoo Ranchhoddas? And who is that she is with?

Timum Muchandani, course, yar Don't you remem a big pink candy floss ber she was in our college for a term last year?

-And had to leave because of some scandal? Now I 1c- Booth to buy a ticket member. But that new hairdo fooled me

Come on, yar, lets go to the foreign publishers' stalls-all bucks today, Bachchu the buds will be there

Couple-Young

Come, let's go to the next tions stall.

Wait a moment, I am watchhand-painted myself. All the ing the gift-wrapping demon-

But we came to see the books

English books, I understand, how nicely he's packing up the Marath of course, even Hindi, parcel and tying it in whorls of things?

It's getting late, dear

Yes, you might think we —And these greeting cards! the cinema crowds will pour out aren't already flooded with What gorgeous pictures! And in half an hour ... how cute those funny cards! We Good hunting! those people! Bahl how cute those full tell you, they are out to must buy some.

But there's no occasion-no e city and the whole State! birthday or annivorsary, and See how they are flaunting nobody's in hospital. Our Christmas cards are all sent..

Not for sending, silly! I want to keep them.

White-Caps

It's had enough allowing them to publish all that subversive literature, why should they have a stall at the Fair too?

I agice, Bhaisab; haven't we got enough comics already? Look how the youth of the country is getting corrupted at their stall

All those cheap books from Redland and Iton Curtain! I dare say there are some "Thoughts" too, Appan.
You are right! My blood boils

Which Party? We must do something ourselves Shall I place a charpor in front of their stall so that you can start a hunger strike?

No, no, Bhaisab, I wouldn't rob you of the glory I'll bring the cot and you do the fasting

The honour is yours, Appan, I can't dream of

Family group

Mummy, Mummy, giant wheel!

Silly girl, shall we have candy floss, Daddy?

Yah, as if only boys have sensel No, we'll take a ride on the giant wheel Come Mummy, come, Daddy

You go alone, sis, nobody else of is coming with you We'll have

Now shut up, children, there's no money to waste. Mummy and I are going to that Lottery

Light-fingers

We haven't made even ten

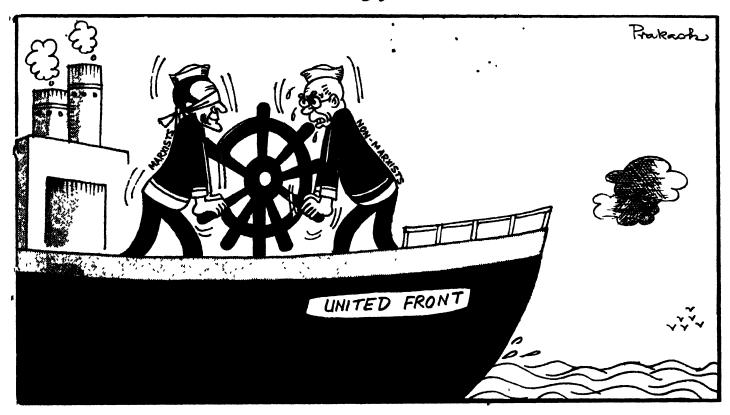
Yes, they don't seem to have any money in their pockets like visitors to other decent exhibi-

Not even the dames, I'm surprised. I snatched this neckpiece in the dark corner and look! it's gilt,

That was foolish of you, Babu-haven't you noticed all Aw, bother your books! See these intellectual types with

I wish I'd taken your advice,

PRABBAT VAIDYA



Mr Ajoy Mukherji said, he did not visualise the fall of the UF. Ministry even if the Bangla Congress were to quit

Fabrication, Govt. Style

(The following "top secret" correspondence between the Director of the Central Scientific Instruments Organisation, Chandigarh, and the Ministries of Education and Youth Services and Defence will be available to the public after 25 years. The reference numbers however will be omitted.)

The Director of CSIO, Chandigarh

Ref·...:

May I draw your attention to our letter of June 11, 1966, enclosing certain drawings of instruments Aingle-measuring used in tanks and request you to return the same at an early date? Information may also be mentioned therein.

Yours faithfully, Sd/- Under-Secretary, Dept. of Defence Production, (2)

From Director, CSIO, Chandigarh,

Under-Secretary, Defence Pro-Department of duction, New Delhi

Sır,

Ref. Your letter dated Sept 12

quiry, may I draw your attention to our office circular. of August 22, 1967 intimating of August 22, 1967 intimating Meanwhile, enquiries in our all concerned that enquiries re- office reveal that the drawings garding instruments for digging sent to you have nothing to do tanks and canals should be ad- with water tanks but are of dressed directly to the concern- instruments to be used in miligiven about the progress of the dressed directly to the concern-instruments to be used in mili-fabrication of the instruments ed cell in the Ministry of Irri- tary tanks. They may, theregation and Power and not to fore, be returned at an early us. We have no capacity here date. for making such instruments As for fabrication, we have quite a few experts here but Ministry of Defence lately some of them have got October 28, 1969

into trouble because they fabricated the accounts.

Yours faithfully. Sd/- Director, CSIO

October 8, 1969

(3)

MOST URGENT and IMME-DIATE

To Director CSIO Chandigarh Sır, Ref.

We regret to say that we have not got a copy of your cırcular No mentioned in With reference to your en- your letter of October 8, 1969. A copy may, therefore, be sent immediately

Yours faithfully, Sd/- Under Secretary Dept. of Defence Production

Copy to Under-Secretary, Ministry of Education & Youth Services

(4)

To Director CSIO

Chandigarh

Sır,

According to a news item published in a local newspaper the Director CSIO is negotiating with the Ministry of Defence Production for the manufacture of tanks at his laboratory As a question on the subject has been tabled in the Lok Sabha, please intimate to us at an early date the dimensions of the proposed tanks and where they are going to be located.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/- Under Secretary, **Ministry of Education**

November 2, 1969

(5)

From Director CSIO

Sır,

With reference of your letter of November 2, 1969, there is no basis for the newspaper report because we have long ago expressed our mability to make instruments for digging tanks According to an informal estimate we made, it involves a large foreign exchange component which Ministry of Finance may not sanction

> Yours etc Director CSIO

November 10, 1969

(6)

From Director **CSIO**

Sir.

With reference to your letter of October 28, 1969, there is nothing on record in our office to show that any such drawings were received here. But a chaprasi has a faint recollection received in a large envelope that you are no longer interested in water tanks

Yours faithfully,

November 22 1969

(7)

Chandigarh.



from your letter of Novemthat some such drawings were ber 22 it seems drawings lost stop its very serious because We have not been able to trace question tabled in lok sabha

Telegram dated December 5 for Director CSIO to Under-Secretary, Department of Defence Production

Confirm drawings of instru-ments never received here stop Copy of telegram dated Decem- stop equally possible they were ber 2, 1969 from Department of lost here because my own TA Defence Production to CSIO, bills were also lost and had to time getting dupicates. be refabricated.

(9)

Transcript of telephone conversation between Under-Secstop please state if drawings retary, Ministry of Education either the envelope or the stop please state if drawings retary, Ministry of Education drawings We are glad to note lost and if so how and when, and Youth Services and Directors of CSIO tor CSIO

Hello

Hello!

I say the loss of those drawings is pretty serious HM is worned

ments never received here stop. I admit it is a pretty bad might have been lost in transit thing. The other day my daughter lost our car registration papers and we had a tough

Damn it. It is not like car

registration. These are designs for making tank parts.

But why were they sent to us? We don't make tanks here.

No. You are supposed to fabricate an angle-measuring instrument.

Yes, we had some experts in fabrication. When TA bills were lost they refabricated them in no time But some of them are in trouble with the CBI Otherwise, we can get the drawings also fabricated, if not the instruments.

(10)

Transcript of another telephone conversation between an Under-Secretary, Department of Defence Production and his counterpart in the Ministry of Education and Youth Services.

Hellol

Hello, what's the score?

I say, those drawings you sent to the CSIO, are they secret?

How do I know? But they were sent in a top secret file.

That was a mistake. If you had sent them by ordinary post they would not have been lost.

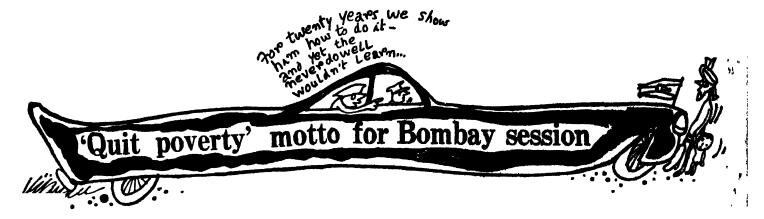
I don't agree. The Director was saying that even TA bills had been lost.

They were not stolen. Somebody who wanted to trouble him must have destroyed the TA bills. But they were got refabricated.

Can't we do the same with these drawings?

Yes, but we don't have the originals. No duplicates are kept because they are secret.

G. S.



Without Ticket

thembers of the Legislative As- match at Jullundur has yet to be sembly of West Bengal to wit- told but an alert news man disness the Test match there against covered that the water-taps in the Australians were discussed the Players' rooms in the Paviat as high a level as the cabinet bion had been cut off by some is very heartening. It shows one in the Municipal Water that love of sports knows no Works Department because he ideological barriers, also that as had not been given a free pass decadent, imperialist and bour- to see the match. It has been

tailor-made for the idle rich who can afford not to do a stroke of work for five days running and in a small town we had the exnot care what happens to pro- citement of a visit by a touring duction in factories. It is also highly discriminatory because circular shamiana surrounded by only twenty two privileged per- a sons are allowed to play it and constructed at considerable exoccupy a vast expensively-tended field while over thirty thou- first show, for which every single sand common people are herded seat had been sold, the Police together in the stands and forced Authorities moved in and decto watch. It should have caus- lared the structure unsafe. It ed no surprise if the State gov- appears that the Police had been ernment had dissociated itself given only four free passes for from the proceedings and the each show as against the eight communist party had declared they had asked for. They got that it reserved the right to their eight and the show started gherao the visiting team Hap- on time. pily this has not occurred and the deliberations of the cabinet were confined to the business of Chaps clamped an embargo saytickets for entry into Eden Gar- ing that the sanitation arrange-

The decision apparently is ernor, the Speaker and the have to be quarantined for a Deputy Speaker of the Legis-fortnight in pursuance of some lative Assembly? How about the regulation or the other. Chief Justice and the Judges of the High Court who work next the High Court who work next The goods-clerk called on be-door to the venue of the game half of the Station Master with of Trade Unions?

THE news from Calcutta that trickly one. The full story of facilities for Ministors and the mis-management of the geois a game as Cricket can common knowledge that many make a sizable dent even on Marxist hard-liners.

Common knowledge that many essential people see these matches without paying but the exact extent of this practice is Here is a game truly and known only to the organisers.

> Years ago when I was living circus. They put up a huge big galvanised-iron enclosure. pense Two hours before the

Next day the Public Health ments were inadequate and constituted a hazard. They received their pound of flesh The that the cricket authorities will Octroi people sent an almost illesend complimentary tickets to gible notice on a brown printed Ministers and that each M.L.A. form asking the Manager why will be offered a ticket for which action should not be taken he will have to pay. A new pre- against him for failure to decmedent is being set up because lare properly the stuff brought nothing of the kind on such a in by his company The veteriwhole-sale basis has been done nary surgeon made an enquiry for a cricket test before; not whether the lion and the per-even at Calcutta. It is difficult forming horses had been vaccito see how a line was drawn at nated against Polio or something, Ministers. What about the Gov- in absence whereof they would

and whose presence on the field the tidings that the Manager's should go a long way to ensure application for four goods-unbiased verdicts by the um- wagons to transport the 'effects' pires? The Mayor, where does to another station two months he stand? The leader of the Op- hence could not be accepted beposition, the Vice-Chancellor, cause there was a shortage of he Chairman of the Public Ser- wagons-and what few might ce Commission the presidents become available would be Trade Unions? become available would be needed for the movement of essential material like food-grams The business of tickets is a and coal. The Manager who had

Fast—and lose weight

(Some Congressman proposes indefinite fast to persuade Mrs. Gandhi to have unity in Congress.—News item.)

> WHEN M.Ps do their bit To make the party split, When factions form, and members storm, The outlook's bad and rather sad

But no solution does occur, No way to make them all concur, The Congresswallah seldom knows How best to deal with Party woes His ideas irk, his plans don't work, He says at last that he will fast

He may not bring about a truce But at least he makes some news And being too fat, he can reduce!

VIMAL.

painful memories of his things Scrounging for passes and tic-being pulverised to match-sticks kets goes on all the time in through deliberate "loose-shunt- Delhi and elsewhere whether mg," when he had crossed it is Comex, a dance-recital or a swords with railway people ear- film festival. And everywhere it her, coughed up two more pass-es. The fue engine chaps, the their minions who give the orgaelectric supply people, but why go on? The fact that the circus stayed for two months, not a show was missed and a good time was had by all is a great tribute to the spirit of accommodation shown by the circus Manager and the whole-hearted cooperation given to him by the local authorities.

If any one thinks that these know better. things happen only in small places he would be mistaken

nisers their worst headaches. The number of pressure groups and PAs are myriad.

In good old days some theatres and circuses etc. used hopefully to add a line in their advertisements, "Free Pass List Entirely Suspended." Nobody does it any more now. We all

HARAL



An Epic Film

"You'll make a splendid heroine for my next production 'Arre Calcutta' which will be a violent outburst against sex, nudity and permissiveness."





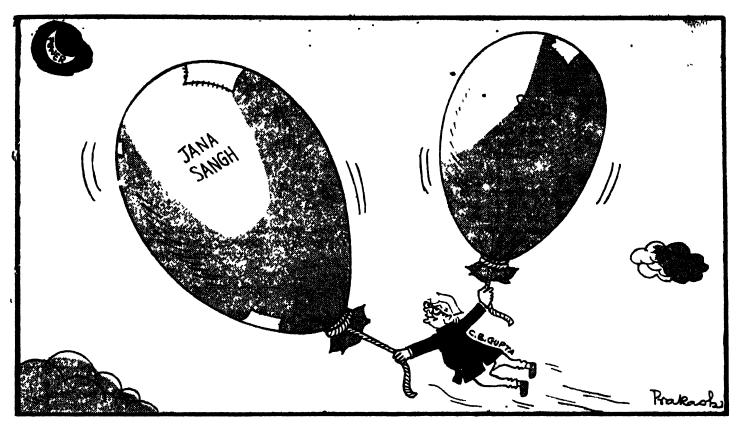




YOURS... DELIGHTFULLY YOURS!



Destination Moon



The Jana Saugh has decided to support the Gupta Ministry in UP

The First Men

riding them a day and a night at a stretch. Hence one of the barbers of our town, when he rode his bike for three days and three nights running, was considered superhuman and perhaps made a world-record in his particular field at that time. When he got off the machine, he was garlanded with his weight of flowers and presented with a cash award of IRs. 500, which in this year of grace perhaps means Rs. 50,000.

But alas, this type of worldrecord makes no front page news now. The barber was exbike for four, and by still hours with interruption for another who rode it for five breath but nothing else. His Now a few days back a chap triumph, however, was not only lost his equilibrium and rolled been done in human history? rode his machine for 14 days shortlived but he was also ren- down the roof, but as the house Even if somebody had done it

TIME was when a deed he broke his bike in two and town The reason the next day only broke a leg, the one on was judged by its mcrit went home to bed, because the Ladie's Club invited hum as which he'd been standing and not because it was done there was nobody even to look an honoured guest and award-for the first time and hence at him once. For all people ed a nice gold medal to him spectacular, if not cared, he could have made his as Joe Louis might give away too, but they didn't notice one the best. People rode on bi- home on the senselessly whirl- a prize to a highschool boxing very significant aspect of his cycles but nobody thought of ing bike and stayed there for- champion, and the citizens misadventure He was probably

scene eccentric chappies who were hellbent to do it the other. Another craftsman, yes, a barber again, shaved for thirty-six hours at a stretch and got much publicity out of it but no money, because he nicked the last reluctant stubbly twenty-four chaps within an inch of their lives and did not want them to complain to the newspapers. A third barber celled by another who rode his came on top by speaking for 48

suddenly realised that they had the first man in the world who'd been imposed upon, that any stood on one leg on a rooftop Then there appeared on the little housewife could have for thirteen minutes His achibeaten the voluble barber at evement was as unique as were out to make a world-his tame after giving him a Tensing conquering the Everest, record or bust, and if they handicap of a hundred hours because he'd done it for the couldn't do it one way, they It was also reported that the first time. I wonder if anybody unhappy barber retired from had ever thought of doing it, business and the ridicule ren- and this man had actually done dere l him speechless for the it. You'd say that this was not rest of his life.

> didn't attract much attention but who was superior to all the above described, a man who said that he could stand for six hours on one leg on his rooftop. In the fourteenth minute of his hazardous venture he because nothing quite like had lost his equilibrium and rolled been done in human history?

People laughed at him sensational, even if it were done for the first time You'd quote There was another chap who an example: suppose a man, clad in nothing but swimming trunks and his head half-shavtraversed the biggest ed, thoroughfare of the city turning somersaults; would he descrive a civic reception and a postage-stamp commemoration at Poons and when he finished dered the laughing stock of the consisted of basement only, he in the time of Pliny the Elder, his head was half-shaved.

the first time

One is cricket

I can understand some repensive game, three-fourths of whose interest is sustained by play of all the five days is newspapers and radio sets, and washed away by rain, if the more especially transistor radios, umpire is hit on the bean by game itself. For instance, I'm the pitch and kisses the wicketglad to know that the Prince keeper on both cheeks, (femaof Toadypur scored the highest les kissing batsmen are galore), number of runs in the Tost if the fielder stands on his head against Boloma in the year and catches the ball with both 1895, but the record fiend imfect, if they serve beer instead mediately refers to his book of the usual bilge at the time and further informs me that of the drinks, if the mob sets the Prince was also the first file to the commentators boxencketer not to get out of his all is part of the sport and grist egg in all the five Tests with to the record-keeper's mill, pro-the same country in 1900 This vided it happens for the first is dubious distinction, but it is time there, and the Prince, like Columbus, basks in the Glory of the Five Eggs

I'm happy to know that Folly pur Test of 1905 and was ed, if not stunned, when the awarded the Distinguished first men, Americans, landed on High-Ball Medal But I don't the moon But when these two

our chap was the first because cularly interested in the information that in the same Test, Well, I understand your point were 20 evers, all of them but I won't concede it There married, 324 runs and no wicare at least two fields in which ket. This is presented to me as silly 'firsts' of all imaginable the worst bowling record in and insufferable kinds receive the history of cricket and is yet the widest publicity and adula- to be excelled From the point tion just because the thing was of view of bemused cricket done, or even happened, for lovers there's something attractive even about this record, not only worth emulation but excellence

Everything that happens for cords in this popular but ex- the first time in cricket is prizwho, like the demon Bhasma- an irate batsman, if an ardsura, are now out to kill the ent female spectator rushes to

We were quite stunned when Carpenter bagged the greatest Russia's first sputnik went into number of wickets in the Fawn- orbit We were as much thrillknow why I should be parti- great exploits are accorded the



"Tell them that we were so excited over releasing the letters to the press that we forgot to post it.



"Please return the cup as soon as the ceremony is over The goods you exported have been shipped back as they were sub-standard.

them, the rest of the 'firsts' that but we mean it was the first inthe newspapers drum up and fant to be born on the moon. din into our ears sound a bit G. C. immediately instructed wonky It would be best to Commander- to return to base quote some for your delecta- with Jenny, leaving the baby

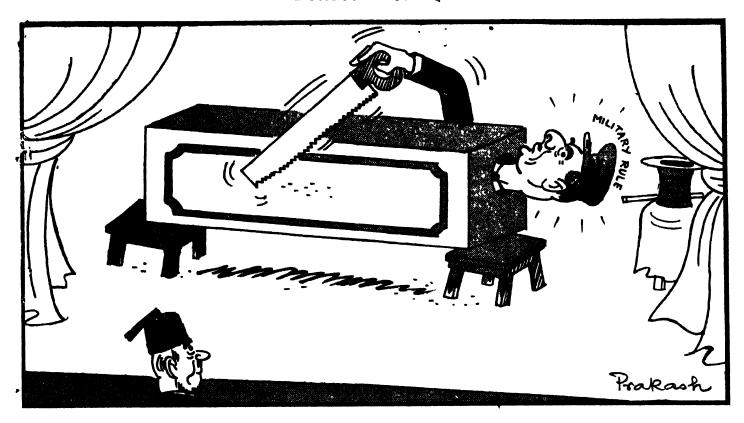
The same goes for space tory of man, Jumbo the first on the moon being 1/8th of that chimpanzee orbited the earth, on earth He acted strictly according to another party of nurses (first the instructions of Ground nurses on the moon from Control, which human astro-Bolonia) and doctors are leavnauts sometimes do not, and parachuted down into a pond of baby. Incidentally, there of West Bengal (pukura, in isn't the slightest chance of local lingo). To newspaper re-baby catching even a teeny-porters Jumbo said, "No com-weeny bit of cold on the moon, ments, except that I'd a flea the moon not having any bacin my coat, natural coat that is. tena or viruses. Jurists are gett-I got rid of it with one hand ing egg-shaped bumps on their while I obeyed G C. with the heads, thinking whether this other I can work with both baby could be deemed a nahands and both feet simultane- turalised moon-citizen. ously, you know, and you've to find a better word for it than ambidexterous or prehensile."
This news literally rocked the worl!, because if what Jumbo the earth, about equidistant said was true, here was the from the earth and the moon. first flea orbiting the earth in Credit for this sensational outer space Ground Control achievement goes to Lt-Col., immediately contacted the de-who chucked it out of the winrelict vehicle and confirmed dow of the space vehicle and at that there was clear evidence one stroke immortalised his of something erratically flutter- country and the soap. Sir Ber-

> Jenny, wife of Commander— far behind?" of the Nodule Molesca, gave birth to the first baby on the

importance and acclaim to moon It was her second baby, tion, though these examples are in the nature of guidance rather space suit, and provided with than verbatim reproductions a 4-gallon milk bottle which baby could easily play with and For the first time in the his- suck at, the weight of things Within minutes ing for the moon to take care

Readers will be stunned to know that the first Bolonian piece of toilet soap is orbiting ing in it. Possibility of rescue nard Lovel, Chief of Jodrell of the flea is considered remote. Bank, said that he'd seen the soap, and being a Britisher. The world was absolutely observed prophetically, "And staggered to know that pretty now could Lever Brothers be

G. V. KULKARNI



President Yahya Khan has announced that elections to Pakistan National Assembly will be held in October 1970

Something for Nothing

ARMANDO L ALVAREZ, modern commercial world's most practical men. He is the end-product of the 'success' philosophy of men like Mr. Carnegie and Mr. Napoleon Hill An extraordinarily shrewd and worldlywise specimen of humanity, he into ine. holds the wretched race of college professors in light esteem. According to him, I am just a rung above the carth-worm. And so, it would be paltering with the truth to say that I was delighted to see him near the pan-shop in the marketquare that evening Indeed, the sight of the man pricked Indeed, me like the doctor's needle.

"Iley, Prof!" he accosted me before I could dodge him

"Armando, my dear old corpse, I'm vastly delighted to meet you! How are you?" I lied offusively.

"Now admit, old boy, that wallah you looked at me but didn't see Make mine extra-strong. ·me.'

"I admit."

BA., B.L is one of the the genius of your Shakespeare "I was.'

> "And were completely oblivious of everything around'

"Right there."

have collided against me, had I said rather bitterly through anyone else' I been a pit, you'd have fallen my sweetish pack

put, "Well Armando."

"Just like a professor"

"Correct."

Still, well met, old fellow How are things?'

"Fine"

"Everything all right at Rottingbrain?"

Quite '

"Missus?"

"Fine"

"Boy?" "Fine."

"Two pans," Armando L Alvarez, BA, BL the Practi-"Two cal Man, ordered the pan-"Two rupee-pans And this gentleman pays."

I didn't want a pan. I didn't thing for nothing.

"You were ruminating over want Armando to have a pan Yet I planked down two rupees and bought the two pans stoked in my pan, and Armando vou, didn't I?" stoked in his

What's there so special about "Had I been a wall, you'd this pan that it costs a rupee?"

dient in it from the nut to the tobacco, my dear Prof " Armando gushed, enjoying his stuffing "Everything about pan is special. This pan is my favourit"

"Damued costly though." "Oh, no, considering

supreme quality

'It's all right for you to think You didn't pay for it, I

The best pan is a free pan, ho, ho, hol" guffawed Armando.

"I've nover yet had a free pan of this kind," I grumbled "Somehow you can manage to

get things gratis, I can't"

"That's because you don't care for the principle of some-

"But how can you have anything for nothing?

"Well, I got this pan out of

"You know me You just exploited my weakness. You couldn't have done that with

"Wrong there, chum The leaf and every ingre- have your wits about you You can always have things for yourself without paying for them '

"Nonseuse"

"Look here, Professor," intoned Armando L Alvarez. BA, BL, the Practical Man "I never talk nonsense. Do you or do you not read advertisements in your daily paper offering you free things? Here a free booklet, there, with a food-drink tin, a free plastic cup, slewhere, with a safetyrazor, a hair-cream jar, and a carton of soap flakes, a packet of blades, a comb, and a nap-

'But that's all make-believe, Armando The cost of the free gift has already been added to the stuff bought, and you have Only, I've been got to buy the stuff first You places don't get something for nothing,

"Tut! And how about those free tea and free-coffee and low, and I offer invincible salesfree cough drops and other de- resistance monstrations going round? "A Come on, how about them? I cad" have been having a free cup

"I resist her charm, old fel-

changing varied meal for yourself by hour handed rose-buds to us; visiting a few shops and sam-apother applied the attar of "Doesn't the gurl at the dc-pling pakoras and patties and khus to our hands; a third

getting things gratis."

"The practical man never don't care a row of beans how against a back-drop of many-

And we left the pan-shop. tions and the line of cars."

"Big guns, obviously," observed

"Let's gate-crash and have a free snack, rees and drinks" "What?"

"Come on"

'Etuff! Celebrations like this

And we gate-crashed into the vast gaily done grounds. A

you only think you do, if you monstration stand try to press sweets and so on at their sprayed us with rose-waters are a congenital idiot a costly tin on-you?" counters We made our way through "Cood God, what a way of knots and tangles of weddingguests, and then we dumped "But you can get something ourselves on two chairs at a "And you look a deplorable for nothing, and, if you are a table Far to our right, on a drawn practical man like myself, you raised red-covered platform, of excellent coffee every even-cares how he looks. And you you get it Come, the evening's hucd flowers and lights, stood mg for the last two weeks can always make up a nice full wonderful Let's have a stioll" two tall gilt-and-velvet chairs.

And we left the pan-shop. On the chairs sat the newly-On the chairs sat the newly-"Ah, there's a wedding-recep- weds. In the midst of all that " tion in progress," exclaimed magnificence and music and Armando down by the munici- mirth, we gorged ourselves on pal gardens. "Quite a big the free snack and ices and affair Look at the illumina- drinks And then we left after having heartily shaken hands I with a good many guests unknown to us.

"Oh, my God!" came an auguished groan outside the

reception grounds
"What's the matter?" I asked "But supposing we're check- Armando His jaw had fallen ed or questioned?" almost a yard

"I'm stripped of my gold-ring are a free-for-all Just keep on and my gold watch and my smiling at people" pocket's been picked!"

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To be one of sixty-eight With nothing to do. To pull no ministerial weight ls a thing to rue

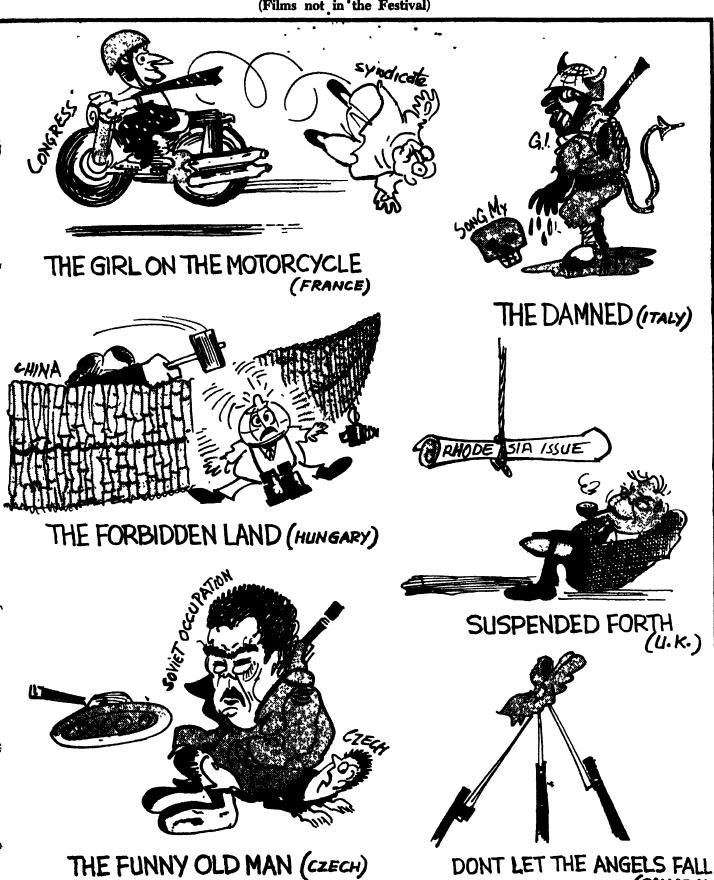
Of what use the portfolio Of Wild Life (Zebra)? Let it be Health (Polio) Or Education (Algebra).

Why not Suburban Tourism On Betel-Promotion? Why not Hindi-Purism Or English-Demotion?

But beggars can't be choosers When so near a hif or miss. Make up, then, with the boozers And seal with a kiss.

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(Films not in the Festival)



(CANADA)

Festival Films

it has not lost its star-studded milieu of the film. splendour not overflowing. Two ageing homosexuals film, not for the squeamish but one of his identities, a Humbert crowds at the manguration —a hald barber and a one- an important one nevertheless. Humbert. penchant bureaucratic egregious confusion, and, above burden of his cripple mother all, unofficial rating by word to whom he is devoted of mouth as to which picture shame and subterfuge of their is good and which is bad, accritic bearing his Cross.

"Ambush" (Yugoslavia)

tion is a state of mind and a a revolution eats its leaders The cadres in a small Yugoslav and brilliance town soon after the war try to and he wants no other, redeems his venality by his courage and loyalty to the idea. The smug commissar risks other lives but fakes glory for himself by shooting a dead man and passes off as a hero The girl he loves much to the disgust of the youth leader, a real plugugly, is only too apt a pupil in the lessons of new freedom from bourgeois morals but in a way that disconcerts him and proves him only too bourgeois in his notions of love These are teachers that make Evan a maturer man with every new experience, until he learns his last lesson with his life

"Staircase" (U.S A.)

Stanley Donnen's courageous probing into the predicament of ageing homosexuals is not everybody's cup of tea and even those who are stined by the compassionate film are likely to feel their stomach turning. The film is strong meat not for

SO the Festival is back with pornographic or prudish reasons, genderless antennae – from mate sex—he is twice married and us, a longer time than neces—tor homosexuality is only part "your bald head," as Charlie has two children to prove it. A sary after January 1965. But of the shabby misery of the embroiders brutally — is not so nymphet seduction is thrown in.

There is the usual scramble for time bit actor eking out an complimentary seats as well as existence on commercial TV the ubiquitous blackmarket, the ads - live in an attic where the for barber has, in addition, the special predicament is added office vagaries, and so does the even heterosexual couples sometimes do indeed the cosy domesticity of the mise-enseene is brilliantly brought off Yugoslavia proves that revolu- moments of passion and jealousy followed by long hours of

ambush Fascist remnants and Burton turn in two of the most at conquest. This is the basic the two human revolutionary memorable performances of frame for a bizarre flash backleaders educate in different then lives, catching in every and-forth of a music hall human ways the starry-eyed student gestine and whisper the numbers and appet that became a smash hit Evan. The bluff and fornication of the homosexual tragedy, for an appet that became a smash hit of the homosexual tragedy, for an appet that became a smash hit are purposed in the starry-eyed student gestine and whisper the numbers and purpose that became a smash hit are purposed in the starry-eyed and fornication of the homosexual tragedy, for a given and starry-eyed age lecture of productions provess care whether the revolution is sense of guilt and crime - re- mostly in his imagination, essocialist or communist but that inoved in England now – were pecially latter-day imagination it is the reality he has made not there, for it earnes the bur- His desperate (sie) search for

"Heironymus Merkin" (U.K.)

Get the full title and you get a clue of sorts to the film "Can Heironymus Merkin Forget Mercy Humppe and Find True Happiness?" (Mercy is the nymphet that the hero chases in his effort cording as they are X or non-the love-hate relationship of that the hero chases in his effort to discover his identity) Heirotheir job uninfluenced by boxworld, an atrocious singer and an adoied lether and rap'st, lives out his life in a film within by the film's photography, with by him for the edification of his the peeling and washing and loyal grandma and two little.

This sensitive film from scrubbing done by Harry The children. A bloated and passe roue at forty, he is still trying to find who is the real he and trymode of growing up, and that hate are alike brought off by ing to conquer, like the Popa script of extreme tightness Faustus that he is, new worlds of experience—or rather looking Rex Harrison and Richard back dissatisfied at his attempts den of sterility Harry's specu- identity extends over several lation of sex as a matter of reels of fornication and legiti-

much bizarre as pathetic. A for as he puts it, he is also, in

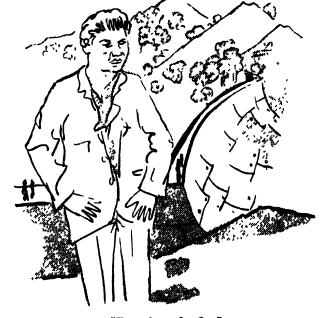
At a different level, it is a spoof of everything including the highfalutin sketched above, thus getting the best of several worlds at once and being excellent fun for that reason—the pop-" system, the critics that hve in parasitic relation with it (there are three delightful cameos of highbrow critics of pop film), of the very exhibitionism of Heironymus. Heironymus is a bogus roue, bogus artist, and bogus mocker

It is an erotic phantasia, recalling in some of its sequences, Walt Disney's marvellous visua, lisation of Beethoven and Bach in his Fantastia. Heironymus is a film full of echoes, rich in incidental significance, and full of verbal and cinematic wit The names-Eddie Filth, Limelight Uncle-a la Chaplin-and Heironymus itself, are examples of Joycean obscene puns. The Joycean obscene puns script is literate and the eroticism has a certain lyricism about it, especially when mockery is running side by side with it

Modern art seems to have opted out of irony in favour of mockery The spoofing in Heironymus is self-conscious and explicit, unlike the irony in Shakespeare Symbolism abounds in the film, with beds on beaches, weird cries from ruined castles, the masked puppet alter ego with a key to wind him up to lasciviousness – every symbolic and cinematic gimmick, in fact. Anthony Newley, who is everything in the film, is a young man! of great promise and the film; despite the ambiguous pornographic reputation that preceded it (explaining the blackmarket in its tickets) is well worth a

"Don't Let The Angels Fall" (Canada)

Canada makes very few feat. ture films. This probably is the fourth made in recent years. But when they make them they tend to be of social significance as well as artistic skill. "Don't Let the Angels Fall" is a study of the problems of a typical Canadian urban family, the husband being a business executive and involved with the secretary. There are no good or bad peo-



"Tunnel to the Sun" (Japan)

the family. This situation tied up with the very conout knowing why it was asked Certainly one of the most outstanding films in the Festival

"A Funny Old Man" (Czechoslovakia)

In the opinion of many people, the Czechs are perhaps the most consistent makers of quality feature films in Europe In spite of the present unfortunate political situation in that country which has hit its brightest, most eminent and particularly Its young film makers very hard, it seems there is still scope for the humanity and the quiet humour of the Czechs to survive in their films "A Funny Old Man" is really a professor who has had a heart operation and who is being subjected to hospital discipline But he manages look from his windows at his beloved city landscape, to make hy little paper birds, which he thoats down to the children's mongering Establishment? This ward below in the end he is the theme of Prologue' An makes his difficult way to a distant part of the city and the building where he had seen a girl come out every day with her gles to project the new philoso-pigeons. He had really been phy of the youth through the girl come out every day with her who also loved pigeons. But he finds instead another young per are thwarted by an unsympathetic and beligerent gang of the index of the frank, free in despair. In finding her in ruffians. He fights an unequal amongst the community membecause it is so under-stated.

"The Old Craftsman Of The Jars" (South Korea)

Asian cinemas tend to be either amateurish and old fashi-

ple in this film. The secretary, oned or clumsy and escapist, for instance, is treated with with the honourable exception great compassion. But the film of Japan and certain regions in works out in detail how this India. This Korean film is a ray situation affects every member of hope because South Korean of the family and the most mov-film makers seem to have ing is the bewilderment of the benefited from American techniyounger son who is not even a cal expertise, for this film is teen ager but aware of his fa-beautifully shot in exquisite ther's disloyalty to his mother, colour, but at the same time the The mother, on the other hand, Korcans who have one of the will not blame the father but oldest civilizations in the world tries to keep up the dignity of seem rooted in their culture the family. This situation certainly as far as this film is concerned There is the traditemporary problem, involve-tional potter, the hero of this ment of individuals with social film who has the simplicity of problems In fact, the film starts the man who works with his with the father being invited hands as well as faith in his felfor television and ends with his low beings. In his old age he watching himself on TV and finds a beautiful woman dying realising the significance of a in the snow outside his door question he had answered with- He revives her by rubbing her He revives her by rubbing her beautiful young body with reand thereby realises how beautifully her form is moulded. He is more than surprised when he finds that she is willing to marry him. She even bears him a son who is the joy of his life But then appears the young lover from whom she had been accidentally parted And it is this triangle which could have been so trite It is handled with what can only be described as an Asian delicacy of touch. Our Bombay film makers would do well to see this film. For it might help them regain their soul

"Prologue" (Canada)

Emerson, over a hundred years ago, said 'War is the negation of pital discipline But he manages truth and humanity' We have to sneak out to the corridors to in Vietnam a living symbol of this philosophy How then does the youth react to the side whiskered ruthlessness of a waris the theme of Prologue' An embittered young man, a hippic looking for his lost daughter medium of the written word who also loved pigeons. But he His attempts to run a newspa-

> Next Week: Reviews of more Festival Films



Maya "Twilight" (Cambodia)

war demonstrations, all-night sitm sessions and singing marchers Our man participates in the proceedings and hopes to do the story for his paper Conceptually, this is the prologue to more such anti-administration expressions All recognizable bubbles on the boil are to be found in the Chicago melange at the Democratic Convention time-the hippies, flower-power squads, the Tariq Alıs, the Cohens and also the Guru chanting Om Namo Shivaya The equipment to contain them consists of steel-helmeted police and regular troops. The camera, along with Prof Galbraith, is in sympathy with the demonstrators

The presentation is unambias is commonly known and of course with his consort, strug-gles to project the new philoso-rangements of sequences and photography are of a high order. Some situations make definite film may not ment an award impacts. For instance, the interthe nick of time he perhaps finds battle with the law of the land bers of the efficacy of demoushis lost daughter A beautifully The superstructure on this base trations and the chorus on the made film which is so moving is the 'happenings' in Chicago— sea-shore The picture begins on draft resistance movement, anti- a clear note but as it progresses the with the Chicago affairs tends the building of a dam in the to make it a documentary. The Kobine mountain lays bare the end comes when there is a pro-trials and tribulations the engilogue but no paper to carry it neers have to encounter in a

"Twilight" (Cambodia)

Princes, wherever they are, will be princes. Norodom Sihanouk is no exception. In producing, directing and acting in Twilight' he shows he is a prince. There are two ways of looking at this film. First, it is an assertion against the theory that the wonderful remains of Angkor are but manifestations of Hindu revivalist culture Secondly, it is an enjoyable excursion to the beautiful land of the Khmers In combining these two aspects Prince nouk exercises and brings into Norodom Siha-his imaginatoin being a rather disjointed story of a Maharani of Rajputana. As far as aspect number one goes, it is for historians to agree or contend with the Prince The excursion with the Maharani (in real life, Prince Sihanouk's wife) is a delightful experience. The story has it that there was Platonic love between the widowed Indian Maharani and the divorced Prince Adit The prince is spending the twilight of his life in the quietude of Angkor, attended by the faithful nurse Sopheap Fire returns in the invalid when the Maharam visits him The nurse pines for him and when she knows his heart, commits suicide, Ophelia style. The tragic end of this girl separates the Prince and the Maharani forever

Madam Sihanouk as Maharani Maya exudes charm all the way Both the leading artistes live up to the traditions of graceful, highly formal and systematized royalty None bats an eyelid unceremoniously The picture is unnecessarily long but the Prince says it is a habit with him. Whatever one may not find in the slow-moving picture is easily explained by the Prince in his introductory handouts. We grant him his individualistic idion because the picture is as clean as the child's mind and as fresh as a flower Photography by Som Sam Al is excellent. This but certainly deserves honourable mention for the princely approach

"Tunuel To The Sun" (Japan)

A disappointing entry from Director's pre-occupation Japan This documentary about Some beginning for what should mountainous job such as this follow a prologue of this type! There are several hardships and cracks and floodings By sheer pear not to have descend-determination the workers maded at all, has a hard job nage to complete the job when persuading the poor parents they dig up from both ends for the children's excursion Success at last and the tunnel is And yet some of them do bored So are wel. Fancy the have an eye on the mainland Japanese making a bid to get an where other youngsters from award with his picture!

"Island Children Go To City" (South Korea)

In contrast to the moving tragedy of the other South Korean entry "The Old Craftsman of the Jais," this is a frothy effusion of children from a destitute island visiting affluent Seoul. but with its direction and ca-meia trained tenderly on the kids A thin thread of a story is woven through a Cook's tour in colour of the capital's sights, and the natural affection of children for each other, whether they be of the backward and impoverished island or of the gadgetry-ridden homes of the town, is used tactfully to sustain child audiences' mterest

which the affluence and bene- Seoul

100f-belt- dictions of postwar Korea apthe island have gone in search of work and success The interwoven shots in black-and-white add poignant grace to the condition of life on the island which even the children's enthusiasm does not brush aside. The story of the teacher being separated from his wards, how he loses his money but is mistaken for having run away with the money from them, the love and pati ence of his wife, the meeting of the lost brother and sister and the general hospitality which the children find on the mainland are the icing to the spongecake of an excursion. A slender theme, long drawn out in parts, and with the Americans kept out except for a chance remark of an island teen-ager how the figures in the show windows of Seoul's shops are possibly not native as they don't Master Kim of the one-have dark han. And what is teacher school in Sunyudo, a preached to the islanders is the coastal island apparently un-philosophy of affluence in which touched by the war and on they are exhorted to emulate

"The Voice Of The Water" (Netherlands)

Director Boit Haanstia takes us on a long swim of the waters below which his country lives, not in undersca castles of fables but in an ultia modern community The water is both friend and foe and has its moods, letting the eel fisherman enjoy a quiet catch or sending slups down in fire and wreck The mextricability of the life of the Netherlands from the waters of the sea and of the backwaters is the point of the picture shown through various vignettes of commercial and recreational activities not excluding what man does to pollute his surroundings whether it be water "Tangerine Growers Of Ryumen" or land Mostly in colour, inter-spersed with black-and-white sequences, the picture is an extended documentary, remarkable for what it has captured with observation and appreciation but is dragging at least in some of the narrations. The producer's and directors sympathy to the theme, however, comes out vividly

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"Etude On Twenty One Points" (Canada)

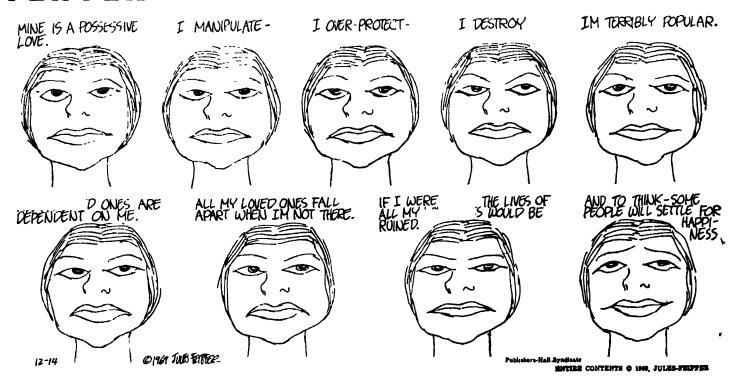
A very cleverly and ingenition of the change in the scene

ously done short on a sing-pong match between two leading professionals. The Director is as agile as the game, and the camera work superb, as could only be expected of documentary work from Canada. The montage and cutting are amazingly clever to give the viewer, parti-cularly if he is interested in the game, an otherwise inconceiva-ble picture of the shot-by-shot progress. Parallel tracks bring the opponents simultaneously in view and every stroke can be distinctly watched, punctuated more than once by interposed slow action. Clever cinematography, to say the least, and a sensitively done sports shot

(Japan)

Shows the diligence and leadership in a community in South Central Japan where time-worn and laborious methods growing tangerine are discarded and modernity arrives with true Japanese efficiency and de-termination. The change in the life of the community as well as m the orchards, the ideas of cooperation which make for the growth are unobtrusively woven into a very photogenic presenta-

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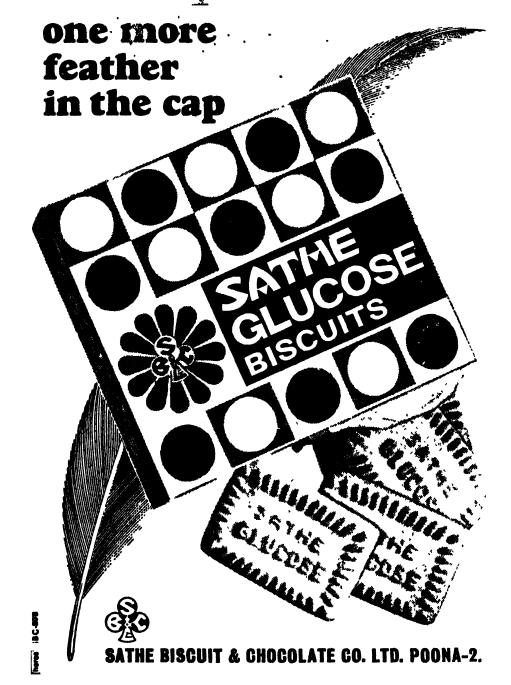
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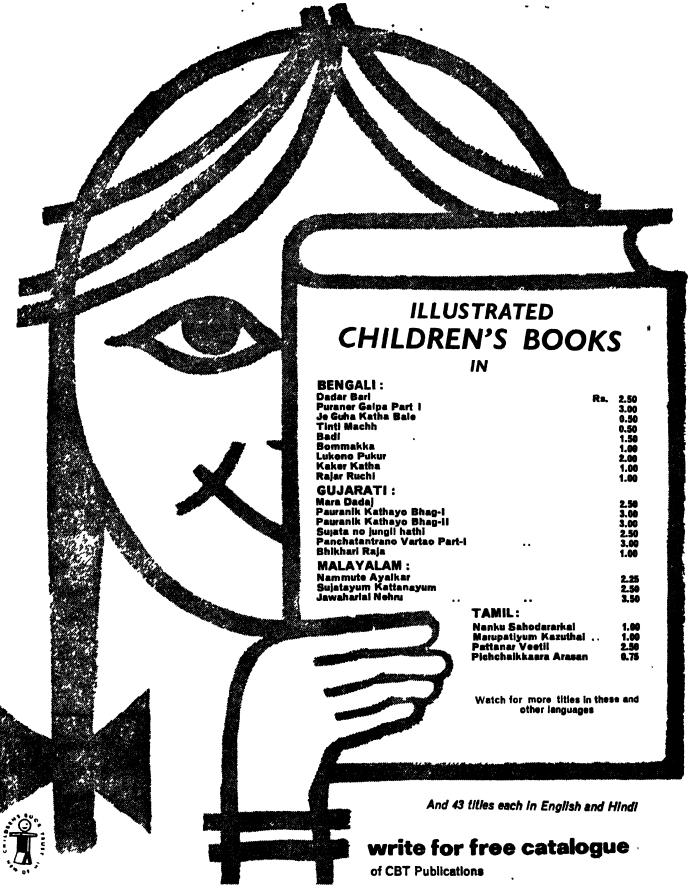
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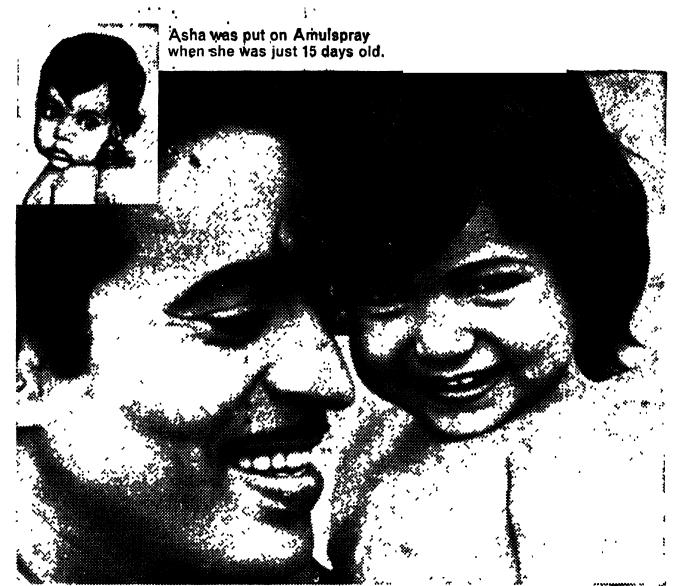
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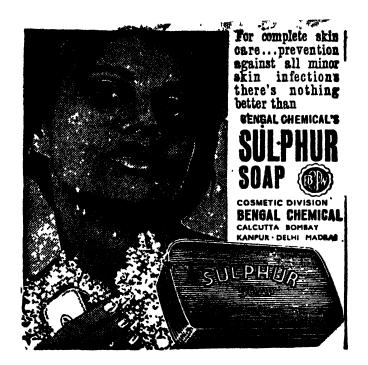
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FREE THINKING

THE difference between Mr. Subramamam's Congress and and Mr. Nijalingappa's Congress is something like the difference between the Roman Empire and the Holy Roman Empire. The other difference is that Mr. Subramamam is only an interim President and Mr. Nijalingappa is a permanent President. Enter Jagiyan Ram and everything will be different — like cheese and chalk, like the King of Diamonds and the King of Clubs, or like the two Kings of Brentford or two doctors seizing hold of the same patient.

It was good that bi-lingual Bombay was bifurcated and there is a Gijarat and a Maharashtra. Mr. Subramaniam's Congress and Mr. Nijahingappa's Congress could not have met in the same state, for the resources and hospitality of no state could have been equal to it. Ahinedabad's major attraction is Gir with its lions, and Bombay's is S. K. Patil who cannot be found there. At Ahmedabad, Mr. Nijahingappa can be expected to roar like a sucking dove, and at Bombay, Mr. Jagjiyani Ram is expected to say as much as possible without any roaring.

At Azad Maidan, where many games have been played, the people are expected to know what is going on, while Ahmedabad is, in spite of the special trains that will reach it, at a discreet distance. Now that Baroda is on its side, Ahmedabad may not remember privy purses as vividly as it did last week.

Mr Subramaman's Congress has had the advantage of a whole range of panels compiling blue books and drawing up programmes, while Mr Nijahngappa's Congress has had the advantage of its thesis being in the hands of masterly draftsmen working in libraries. In Mr Subramaman's Congress there is cohesion and there are no doubts, which will mean that its socialism will do no migray to capitalism. To Mr Subramamam's Congress, socialism is a challenge, to Mr Nijahngappa's Congress, socialism is a challenge, to Mr Nijahngappa's Congress, it is a cloak. Mr Subramamam has Indira Gandhi, Mr Chavan, Mr Jagipam Ram Mr Nanda and a strong company of Young Turks on his side, Mr Nijahngappa has Mr Desai, Mr Patil, Mr Atulya Ghosh, Mr C B Gupta and other stalwarts of the vested interests on his side, apart from old Greeks with the Achilles heel like Mr Kainaraj. Mr Subramamam's Congress is in power and so has to be responsible, Mr Nijahngappa's Congress is in opposition and can, therefore, be more vocificious Mr Subramamam's Congress cannot shout more socialism than it can carry out, Mr. Nijahngappa's Congress can shout as much socialism is it can

It seems, on the whole, while the waves will thunder on the beach at Bombay, Mr. Subramaniam's Congress will promise enough socialism and mean to carry it out, Mr. Nijalingappa's Congress, in the shadow of guin happenings, cannot shout as much socialism as it wants and can neither hope nor mean to carry out all that it shouts

The Man of the Week



PLEASE TURN OVER FOR PEN PORTRAIT

The Man of the Week

R AJAJI is a reteran even among the Methuselahs. and there has been no such, Methuselah in resilient Indian public life He cannot be the Grand Old Man, such a Gladstoman appella tion would be wrong for him, at ninety-two he is the rather Grand Young Man He has not exhausted his parables lus epigrams still strut about like conundrums He has cerebrated cease lessly, but his cerebration is

yet sturdy not semile Rajan has effortlessly bridged the distinction betueen authority and opposition In authority, he was like the Pope issuing bulls and encyclicals In opposi tion he has been an uncompromising dissenter, dissenting even from himself. It is natural that he should not have stayed long in office or power But he has established an authority of lus oun even a Chuich of his own. He is as much a classic as Kautilya or Cardinal Richelieu and whether for casuistry or catechism or wisdom or clear prose, he is a source book Though starting often from the urong premise he is the most formidable logician of the age

In the Indian Revolution, Rajan was not happy with its slogans or phrases. He vanguished Gandhi's opponents, as at Caya, and in the end he vangushed Gandhi himself Rajan ended the line of Warren Hastings with a sense of fun and nony and became a Clucf Minister of Madras for the second time to show that his genus had its constructive side

Rajaji's greatest invention has been the Swatantia Party by which he has made conscreatism fashionable and ex-rulers and nch peasants respectable But his greatest services have been as a gad-By and he has had the satisfaction of sceing the Congress split With all that he is not a monster of ceptish of cynicism, he is captish of understanding and nameth and altogether he is a centre of enlightenment in an age of rabblerouse re

Why this split and for whom?

Sir_Unless the editors and the writers, their patrons and publishers make bold to allow the truth of the background of this Congress split to unfold, the poor uninformed public would hardly ever know why it occurred at all, and for which sections of the upper middle class in India it has what context

The root of the difference is in the articulation of sectional and class interests of people who a national organisation for emancipation of the country. Now it of "freedom' and "independence" have diametrically different meanings for the propertied on the one hand and the have nots on the other The Congress, being an organisation of those in the higher rungs of society, representing the zamındar (or the ex-feudal trans Lucknow formed into such commercial magnate), the big business, the industrail and financial oligarh, as also the top echelons of the Establishment the concept of freedom held by the Congress High Command never extended beyond the Dominion Status, and later on beyond Commonwealth membership although the latter implied a constitutional anomaly of a "republic" owning symbolic allegiance to monarchy. But since the conomic interests of such group coming from the upper strata of the middle class and of the landed aristocracy, coincided with those of the foreign capital exporter, investors, and collaborators in industrial-financial pri vate owned enterprise, India's economic independence was not turned into a fact even after chievement of the political As a result, the exploited classes in India continued to suffer all the evil consequences of an anarchic economy, repetitive recessionary crics unemployment and underemployment and politico-economic dependence on foreign ca-

The fast crisis in Congress was signalised at Surat (1907), when the decadent and dispossessed sections of India's landed aristocracy and the rising middle-class intellectuals made their first impact on their social superiors. The second in 1939 was much more crystallized in tone and conin railying the anti-Imperialist, anti-compromise forces (mainly

Free Forum

against predatory imperialism, transference of political power to such leaders of a vivisected India, symbolising interests re-ferred to above, who had proved imperialism during the World War II years, the bifurcation of had importance, and if so, in interests between those who own economic power in to-day's India and those who own nothing but their labour and poverty has become nrevocable It is not undeistood what the latter may shouldered the burden of forming gain from the tremendous intraparty struggle, now being carried on by two sections of the same of "freedom" and "independence" of state power. Their goal is the emancipation of the exploited, and the ultimate resolution thereof cither way -Yours, etc

R P Mullick

Wrong track?

Sir-- Till your editorial (Free Thinking) of the Divali issue, I had a very high opinion of your objectivity, fearlessness to state facts and not take sides, and impartiality even when very power- Bombay ful interests are involved. In my estimation, 'Shankar's Weekly was one of the few journals which are independent. With this one editorial, you have shattered this Number It is one of the finest belief of mine and 'Shankai's pieces I've read What will be Weekly' will never be the same the outcome? Oh, to be in Delhi! again to me

With what extraordinary logic Madias you praise Mrs Gandhis unashamed mean and immoral factional fights for selfish ends and put the o-called Syndicate on the mat, my mind boggles to imagine Let me make it clear that I am no admirer of the Syndicate either How Chavan, Jagjivar Ram, Dinesh Singh Fakhrud-din Ali Ahmed, Sanjivayya, Brahmananda Reddy and others have become overnight aident socialists, young progressives and what not, it is hard to substantiate In what way Kamaraj, Morarji Desai Asoka Mehta, Nijalingappa etc have become antipeople overnight?

It is most ludicrous for you to compare this dirty and mean factional fight to such historical events is the fall of the Roman empire, beginnings of the French tent around the personality of Revolution etc. It is most fan-vetair Subhash Chandra Bose, tastic for any sane person to Notan Subhash Chandra Bose, tastic for any sane person to who, though he did not succeed imagine that a political party, of whatever complexion, can be run based upon no respect for the rudue to his being left in the lurch les, constitution and elementary by mbiguous socialists and pseu-discipline, which is exactly the do-communists) within the coun-modus operandi of Mrs Gandhi item published -Ed, S.W.

try, was able to achieve the ob- and her flock Not too long in the jective of people's resistance-war future, the same mixture will be administered to her by some of. outside its borders. After the her present opportunistic followers all of whom cannot be successfully rewarded with positions of power and pelf In a poor country where the majority are at trustworthy to receding British subsistence and starvation levels, it is very easy to whip up expectations and sympathy amongst the people by promising them anything and everything, unscrupulous politicians who have an easy conscience will escape their inevitable wrath when the realities turn out to be otherwise later, by finding gullible scapegoats policy now passes for progressive democratic socialism and anybody raising a finger against this hypocritical nonsense is branded a right reactionary. It saddens me which can be won only through that your journal has descended a process of struggle and conflict, to applicate such nonsense in such vainglorious terms -Yours etc.

K K Murthy

Durgaput

Your editorial "Free Thinking" in the Diwali number is not only thought-provoking but it serves as an eye-opener too Congratulations

J R P Mody

I congratulate you on your 'Free Thinking' in the Diwali

L F

Odd Signs-

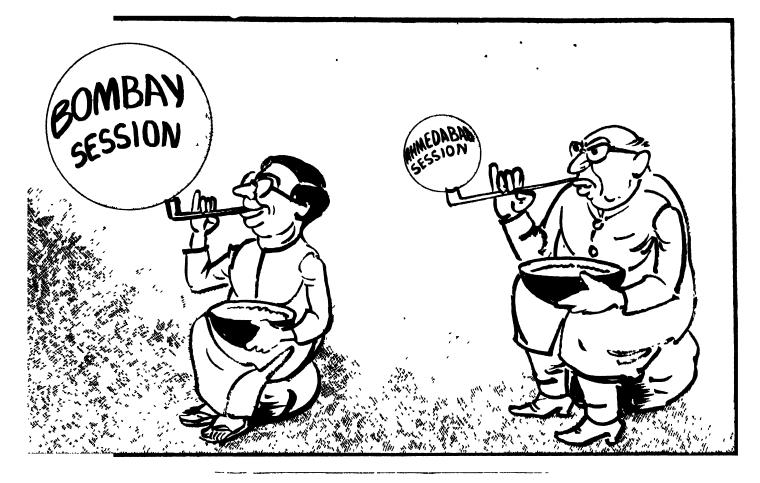
On a truck seen in Faridabed Grow more work

At a hair-cutting saloon on the Poona-Bangalore highway Head cutter

On a water cooler at Central workshop, IIT, Madras.

If you have nothing to do don't do it here

Note: Items for 'Odd Signs' should be factual and not invented and should as far as possible be in facsimile. Senders uill receive two consecutive issues of the Weekly for every



Moment of truth

THIS is All India Radio In ly The participates, carefully stage a walk out chosen for their differing views. Mr. F. Bothways (A. 10). F. Bothways Lal Rang Saab, avoid confusion. I suggest, are. Mr. Prativadi. Bhayamsourceful man). And leave the if you keep on interrupting subject to what you. Mr. Chansharam. Appalachari, member floor to Shri Naisingappa, like this, we shall never get man, my dear friends. Lal who attended the requisitioned. Well, you can suit yourself but started. It was merely a man-Rangii and Naiasingappa, and tion Mı Dwipakshapadi Mishra, who signed the re- default quisition but did not attend Naisingappa, a staunch sup- with it porter of the Nijalingappa Con- F Bo fourth, Mr. Lal Rang Viplavi, The moderator is Mt Facing Bothways of the Indriprastha Chronicie

Mr Facing Bothways Gentlemen, we are meeting at a historic moment of the country's destiny .

IS is All India Radio. In . Lal. Rang. Viplavi (rudely alised, when Mi. Gii was ing in its aims of consoli-Current Affairs toinght, interrupting). Sabhapati. Ma- elected, when the new working dating the organizational wing

L R Viplavi (Peevishly)

F Bothways As I was sava deeply committed Young has since been happily resolved, we are meeting at a historic moment

> L. R Viplavi What do you mean by saying that historical shall skip the beginning. Now, are you answered moment is yet to come? It is Mr. Appalachan, what do you. F. Bothways Well, well, we already past. The moment was think are the prospects of the are here to enlighten the lister. when the banks were nation- Ahmedabad Congress succeeds ors and not to solve our pro-

you will hear a discussion on hoday, I thought this was going committee, with Mrs. Nandini of the Congress at the expense the forthcoming sessions of the to be a discussion in Hindi and Satpati and others were an of the ruling Congress purty two Congress parties in Ahme- if you wish to continue in Eng. nounced. I do not agree. Appalachari. I think we dabad and Bombay respective. Iish, I should be obliged to that we are neeting at a his should first get the noncenelatoric moment in our lustory

session of the Delhi AICC but don't blame me and the AIR ner of speaking. I know the Mishian have to say let us who had not signed the requisi- later if the case of the Prime bistoric moment by definition call one the Congress N and Ministers Congress goes by is past but an average listener the other Congress G to denote of a current affairs programme the Nijalingappa and the Mislikes to have an impressive be- Candhi Congress respectively the meeting, Mr. Bendahahuru Oh! All right, all right, Get on ginning, though he is used to the programme having no middle and certainly no end that let me say first that as one who gress, so referred to for pur-ing when our young triend makes any sense to him. It has not finally made up his poses of convenience, and impatiently interrupted nic looks, the way we are proceed-mind about what precisely diwith his technical point which ing that we shall have no be

on with it

ture fixed famly if we are to Chairman Agreed

Appalachan On that footing vides the two Congresses in terms of the policies outlined griming either terms of the policies outlined L. R. Viplayi. All right get by them I have decided to m ke up my mod fmally after F Bothways Gentlemen, I listening to you gentlemen So

try to get you to show your Congres. This challenge has hand. What does Mr. Mishra been accepted, by the other Sara

Mishia pakshapadi indicates, I am al- come will be? ways in an exerucriting dilem. Mr Narsingappa. Well you ma when it comes to making know what I think. We shall up my mind. I see such main fest advintages in joining both test sides it once that I often wish that the two sides will join together and relieve me of the gapping irony of having to make up-Inv. mind.

Mr. Lal Rong and Mr. Nusingappa (rogether). That is orkin. I think it should be one thing that will and shall cisy to decide the matter here not happen

of you may be speaking too. seen but then both of you are young You don't know the history of the Congress

it is the only Congress and the other is a rump that will wither dabad and Bombay. and die in less time it takes to say Inquilab Zindabad

Narasingappa You have said. Inquilab Zindabad and the Congress X is still alive

Mr. Facing Bothways, Order not get anywhere with this kind of cross talk. Mr. Nasingappa I have e simple that if more than fifty per cent remarkable, as you, choose to sider the question of draw

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Nevertheless if you of the Congressmen attended won't speak op voo won't the Abmedabad session he will And I know you too well to concede that that was the real side. Would you say in the As my name Divi- light of this test what the out

win hands downs, test or no

Lal Rang Don't, please don't make me laugh Narsm-Lal Rang please

Narsingappa Whoever asked YOUR

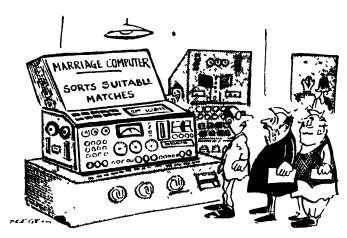
Mr. Facing Bothways, Order and now. Let us ask the two Mr. Appalacharr Well both uncommitted gentlemen here what then intentions are and then we shall know

Lal Rang. For goodness sake of us ner is at decisive of the propose to go to both Alme

Tal Ring and Narasing ippa conditions of instability both together. What!

Mishraji (deftly interposes) markable coincidence

Secretary of Congress G said coincidence, remarkable or un- an emergency meeting to con- half an hour

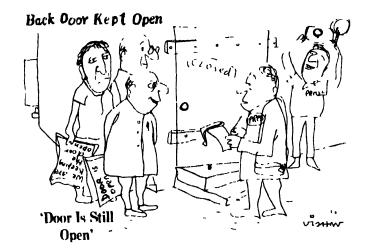


We want to find out what political marriage will suit us most

make it. I am seeing off my back on excise duty on export Appalachan I don't think second son to the US toward of rapeseed husk. Comrade bay. And at Ahmedabad I am activities as export. promotion cut out the history of the Con- relative strength of the two delivering a lecture around the as not radical enough for his gress. The PM's Congress or parties. But I have no need to time the Congress N is meets economic programme but, even Congress G as you wish to call make a secret of my plans 1 mg there, at the Institute of the PM will concede that ex-Management on the subject of port or perish is a slogan every Management problems under whit as important as "quit conditions of instability. Mr poverty." Lal Rango you may not have a Well gentlemen it is a ic- am suic Mr Appalachari has

that this is quite fair to either the end of the month at Bom- Lal Rang may consider such a

Mr F Bothways Gentlemen, a private life, but I have, and I it is time to sum up Well, I should have known Listeners markable coincidence. My Appalachari. I sure have would have noticed that at the travel plans are also similar to. My son-in law is an Income-tax end of this very fruitful dis-Order outtlemen. We shall those of my friend Appalachari. Officer in Alimedabad. and I cussion we are exactly where Lil Rang (Brutally) Hedg- have to be present for the we were at the beginning mg as usual? ch² sashtiabdapinthi of his father Well, I myself rather think that sashtiabdapinthi of his father Well, I myself rather think that Mishraji Hedging nothing there around the time the Con-there is nothing like one being question to asl you and it is I have two perfectly non-politic gress Noncets there. And to- at the end of the discussion ! one that was suggested by the callengagements, at Bombay wards the end of the month where when one was when it exchanges between the worthy and Ahmedabaid about the time the rapesced merchants associablegan. It renews one's faith leiders of the two Congresses the two Congresses meet in ation of whom I have the in life. Well Good night, You remember that the General, these two places. Yes it is a bonour to be the president has Gentlemen, for an interesting



"Our meals could easily have come in by the back-door if only they had wanted to

In cold blood

('Researchers at the University of Cincinnati have developed a substitute for blood composed of salt water, detergent and a type of cel used in cooling electronic equipment. It costs one fourth of real blood "-Neus item)

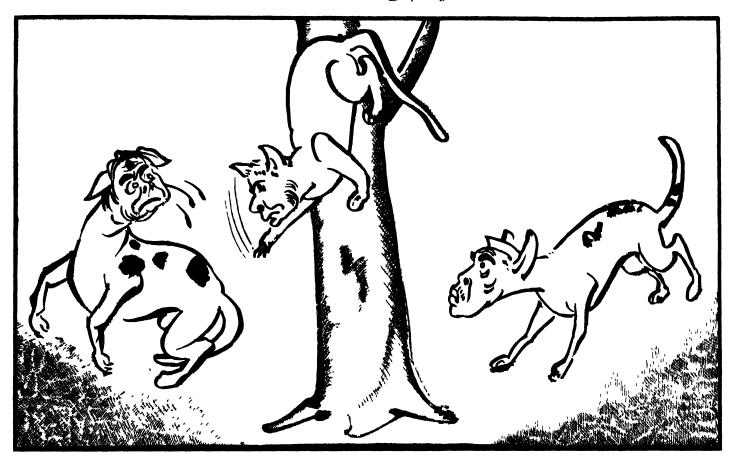
SHOULD I get huit in accident And injuries are extensive, Don't call the blood-bank people up It will be so expensive

But with a pinch of salt and some Detergent make infusion, Then take me to a diesel pump And give me oil transfusion,

Im sure my nearest kith and kin, My sons and loving daughter Won't grudge me this, for after all Oil is no thicker than water!

H. R. L.

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Mr. C. B. Gupta says, there would have been no threat to his numstry if he had 'stooped down to support the P. M.

Writing Humour

"I SAY I want to discuss somethe editor began

word the crime reporters use peat it even at the risk of boi- longer afraid of quinnel ing some of you stiff

bloke feels. Day after day he own witticism in replying to it, themes straightaway. I did one goes on putting ideas into heads. He said with newer and newer on the group politics in the which are slow on the uptake and when they deliver themselves of the ideas however imperfectly he writes them up ceedings I restored my original muster I could produce such brought in neatly for tens of thousands of idea of malana-causing mosqui- treatises every week to be pubreaders to enjoy Yet he gets no toes developing immunity to lished on a page, which most credit.

If I may digress further, once away with the minister's purple thing important with you,' I briefed a MP on the sloppy piece, and the MP Saheb was editor. One day passed and was being conducted and how Andhia I was taken aback, surprised, the mosquitoes were said to be flabbergasted or whatever the developing immunity to DDT The poor man rose to make the insult incled out to my writings tray. To cut a long, sad story Never m my life-if I can break speech but the name DDT by the editor, like the others of short, full one week passed into figurative language - did somehow escaped him. He my clan I, too, have ambitions without anything happening to I see the editor talk to me like thought of all kinds of pesticides of writing a column on such my potential column. Of course that The way he treated my and ultimately decided to fall learned abjects as the power the Congress still remained at first attempt at column-writing back upon good old quinine So structure in a static society or still rankles in me. I must re- he said the mosquitoes were no the SALT talks on MIRVs (mul-

DDT even at the cost of doing readers do not look at twice

way the anti-malaria campaign pleased as pickles, as they say in their was no reaction. Second

tiple individually targetable itentry vehicles). Thinking that it The minister thought it was would not be prindent to ex-You know how a reporter a great joke and matched his pose the editor to such complex anti-malaria weapons like DDT then undivided Congress and being forged even the mosqui- gave it the suggestive title, Contoes would not take quinine gress at the Crossroads. It was When I reported the day's pro-my fond hope that if it passed if it was something the cat had

I took it personally to the day also passed without his even hinting that such a piece To revert to the story of the of literature was slying in his the crossioads but during the seven days at least a dozen more statements illustrating the intensified group struggle had been issued So I politely reminded the editor

> "Good you mentioned it I was wondering how it came here he said looking at it as

Still remaining polite I recill ed that I had given it to bun

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Now I remember, he went on "I was clearing the tray this morning and found it. Where did you get it from?

meet so many people on my ed not to run another column rounds I thought. I would put again unless it is by a famous down together the different ver-

'Not a bad idea. It will come in handy when you are short of copy. But make sure that the source is properly identified

The dialogue was getting on my nerves as the herome said when the hero even after singmeve towards her dupatta

is my assessment of the situal strike a humorous note and change of opinions" between tion in the Congress." I said as make fun of people and projects, the Prime Minister and TTK on sertively

"What am I supposed to be doing with it then?" he retorted as if to provoke me further

But I would not play into his hands Still maintaining an unsuffled demeanour-which is the am a more reporter' I sulked description we use when a minister gets it in the neck in Parno weekly feature of that kind in addition to my daily choics.

Oh, from here and there I improved After that, we decide the crossionads stuff is not fair

how that incident still rankles But that was scene one

you a new scene has opened for him with the editor exiding kinding a whole duct did not get ness from every pore of his. A the drift of it and made no body. He began 'At the stand this mg committee meeting the other day we decided that instead of "The source is myself. That writing heavy articles we should." we should expose You know I economic matters have never tried my hand at such writing. I am also told you write for a himotous periodical. Why don't you jot down a few ideas for me to work on?

But I am not a columnist I

hament and sits dumb through style. The only trouble is that it I explained that ever since our readers do 't like weekly the columnist left we have had columns on serious subjects. And kind of evaluation were like our or some such slug all those who and that to make good the loss ple have enough headaches of one category of income I was offering my services with- then own. They buy the news out expecting an extra paisa and paper to know when Ajoy Mu-

"Oh, that's the idear" You why the nurse has taken an iext when you get these indon't know then how many con- overdose of sleeping tablets and comes to refer to Otherwise, gratulatory letters we received when Nijalingappa will relieve sensitive MPs like Madhu Lifrom our readers when the Mrs Gandhi of the Prime Mini- maye will raise privilege issuescolumn stopped I have a feeling stership. To subject them week if you make per capita income the circulation also may have after week to your Congress at into gross national product.

lengthy tlashback is to show bear on his severe sermon wonsay Siddavanahalli I agreed to was Marx's Das Kapital, ghost-write the humour piece

My first contribution read like

This is our correspondent's first-hand account of the "exchange of opinions" between

Mrs G TTK I don't understand why you have three categones of meome, the national further All his bonhomie disincome, the per capita income appeared. In fact, his face had and the gross national product

TTK I also don't, especially in a country like ours where 'Far from it You have a good most people don't have even one kind of income Perhaps the economists who thought of this lighter vein or funnily speaking, don't blame them other co- industrialists, having more than read it will start laughing. Hu-

But as an elder my advice to kherjee will go on fast again, you is to read from a prepared

Mrs G I also don't see any The substance of the editor's reason why socialism has always film star and can be illustratistatement is not flattering, as to be expressed in economic vou will agree But I am used terms. I have been a socialist to such a critical appraisal of my since I was this high. For others What happened further I writings Secondly, the persua- it is a case of studying about shall not detail here Even this sive tone he had brought to socialism or getting converted lengthy this black is to show bear on his severe sermon won to it I was born in socialism. me over and before you could The first book I tore as a child al

> TTK Don't say all this loudly, Subramaniam will condemn it as a mistake. As for socialism, its chaim is gone when it is spelt out, as poor Y S Parmer was asked to the other day and he rightly wanted to know in which language he should do so One should feel the glow of socia-, lism, not define it or describe

The editor would not read assumed a reddish tinge If that is possible on such a complexion. "Is this your idea of humorous writing?" he thundered

"If you put at the top, in a mour like socialism has to be felt," I retorted

GS

The emerging alternative in Bengal



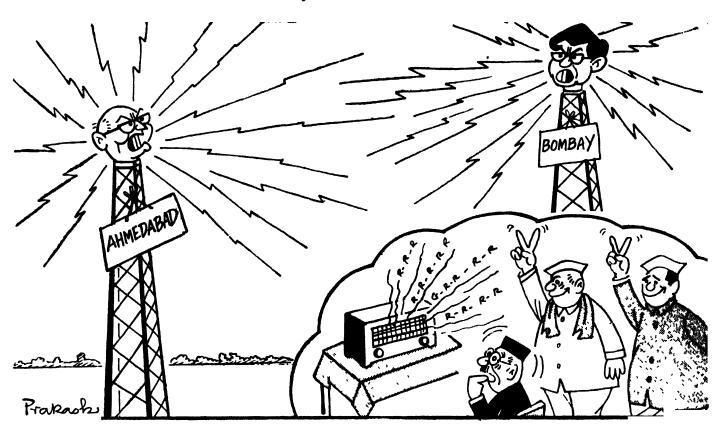






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Jam Session



The two Congresses are holding plenary sessions at month end

Average and Percentage

this year

poetry advances, similarly as human weaknesses are on the decline, restrictions ple in the world, and I think absolute topers heading to the the cussed type of person you the 12% after reforming and Mark Twain has said some-dist, plunging their loving are, is all this expense and join the ranks of the tectotal where that their code of laws families in apalling poverty and publicity, the controls in the less. For these the Coyt has forbidden in Germany to float phatically no. Out of these and this expensive enforcement reading rooms, libraries and this expensive enforcement reading rooms, libraries and

a cade, let us say, we will have Sundays (mostly white-collar its salary saving, let alone what ways on the lookout for these a prohibition-year, when we workers such as clerks, Sunday the Dept carns on the side new recruits and prevents them

extended Prohibition week ted scotch on the gateway of and it's only the remaining perhaps thinking that the Govt into a Prohibition. Fortinght the town at 6 AM and collect microscopic 12% that lap it up would be speechless it at midnight, without finding at any cost, drink what they a fingerprint on it and what's get and weed themselves out It is said that as civilisation more, with all the contents by their own efforts. It's these as that If it were so, the Govt declines, undisturbed

and legislation advance, or so show that 15% of the 13 des-home, the wife knowing that also give away little nosegave it would seem, considering the tricts of the State drink, and for one pick of her tongue and ubbons to their with their Fortnight Consider the Ger- only 10% of the remaining 12 she will get a blow mans, who are the most districts But you will ask thorough and industrious peo- Are these erring 15 and 10%. Well then you'll in the air riding a cow, or to dip a cucumber in your tea before eating it

12% (the average of 15 and of the law, necessary only due diamatic societies to absorb the equipment on Hoh-day, Diwali or such able 12% out of the 12½% of others who imperceptibly point other merry festivals, 2% only the total population? You'll the ranks of the 12%, taking the Next year we will have a on payday and they keep say that even if the Covt places of those chaps who left Prohibition month, while we hungry all the day to get a real abolishes the Prohibition De- (and summer dresses in new can indulge in the remaining kick from the stuff in the even- partment, it could easily keep bloom), thus making the total eleven. At the end of a de- ing, 1% only on Saturdays and these wretches in drink out of a constant. The Govt is all

gentry who beat their better would not only keep these inhalf silly almost by habit and corugible 13% (always remem-Statistics as per Govt reports are generally well-oboved at bor, out of 125%) in drink, but

OUR State Covernment has can leave a glassful of impor- school teachers and the like) Then you'll wait for an answer,

But friends, it isn't as simple free and full glasses. But the trouble is that this 12% is not Well then you'll ask, being a static number. Some leave

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from being meurable addicts totally wet rather prohibitory ann

Then you'll ask. When Pro and the third semi-dry can empty three quarters of a actly what richly daze of mebriation?

If this state of by means of its punitive or affairs can exist in one country How the same can exist in one State, can it provide for the reformed for instance, one district can lot and prevent the on-the- be dry, the other wet and the brink-of-the abyss lot unless third senu-dry. We can apply it has efficient machinery and this on population level also, the funds to run the machinery' for instance, one group of persons can be wet, the other dry labition is already in existence, permit-holders belong to the what's this hullaballoo about a first group and cannot be Fortinght? Does it mean that questioned, they have received people may break the law and legal exemption and moral be connived at during 25 fort- absolution, which they righly nights while they can't do so deserve because who can with impunity in this one? spend Rs 160/- per month for What about those who swill his quota of 4 bottles of the toddy till they are silly? What hard stuff unless he is four-about those permit-holders who figure salaried, which is exlarge bottle of rum and stagger means. The second group conacross a police-chowky in a sists of rot-gut brewers and their customers, for whom this law is made and on whom it The answer of the Coxt thrives Both the brewers and Spokesman is The situation is customers are perfectly content mexplicable. For instance most look like a happily marri-Tamiliado is totally div. Maha- ed couple, muried for 20 years rashtra is half dry (or semi- and not one hitch yet. The wet) and Mysore State is brewer breaks the law, the law



anomalous, but not illogical or with each other and now al- 'Selling it after stealing it to cover the cost of your letters to the authorities to provide one-that's unforgicable'

he's had his bellyful

shown 6 pairs of clean heels

again, worse luck and ask even you and I -Isn't there something deceptive about this 12500 You to the bottom of this thing that the hard core is micro-Out of 100 persons 50 are scopic while you're trying to females, but let's say 60, be-prove that it is comprehensive cause if the females didn't I have shown that alcoholism have the edge in numbers we'd is anomalous, while you want certain, that Indian women do Anonymous The truth lies population, which is a very starting to pour, murmurs, "Say conservative estimate, because when" the Govt is awarding prizes to

punishes the brewer and no those who have 3 children or hard feelings on either side As less and more likely every for the customer he doesn't family has thirteen. This adds & mind the law much, or noth- up to 99% of the population, ing else for that matter after which leaves only one percent that drinks. But what is this one percent? You've aheady The dry group reads about admitted that the hard core of it in the newspapers and is dinkers comprise 1%%. I'll be tickled to death to know that generous and say that it's only the police collected 30 barrels one percent. But this 1% reof wash in their raid, a cutload presents every adult over the of juice ready for consumption age of eighteen. That means and arrested 6 gypsy-women that everybody that I see in on the spot, their good his- the street is blotto, oiled, boiled, bands the brewers having pickled and ready to go the You nught go out cleaners with a cart and yell. Bring out But you've been thinking your drunks? It means that

tive about this 12½°° You argue your case like this Since says, "Your premises are intemvou (the Gott Spokesman) are perate and your conclusion talking of percentages, let's get fallacious. I've tried to show never had had any downy to say that everybody belongs system. And another thing is to the club of the Alcoholics not drink So 60% of the popus somewhere between the two, lation doesn't touch a drop and as the average is always a Also it can be taken for granted good rule, let's meet half-way" that children upto the age of Saying which be pulls a flask 18 do not drink These con- out of his pocket, two glasses stitute lets say, 39% of the from the table drawer and

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Chasing Congress shadows

UNLESS the two Congress string annual budget of less parties soon overcome their than 20 lakhs, as she herself subjective feelings about the has pleaded) to work drafting split and set about the serious statements to refute personal business of formulating alter- allegations, those made and native programmes. Parliament those that are likely to be is sure to be saddled with their made. The loss to the Governmock heroics and profligate ment would be terrific in that squabbles sans political content The tendency to look M1 Ram Subhag Singh's party back would be disastious, but that seems to be the ruling passion after the fanfare of the first few days, though it is not all that nostalgie but more with an eye on recumination. The Congress (O) after announcing its intention of setting up a shadow cabinet has now settled to chasing shadows, whereas the ruling party riding on the support of communists, DMK etc is content to let the tide flow. In the event the washing of dirty linen becomes the most time-consuming item in the split dialogue

It was Mi C D Pande's turn in the Raiva Sabha on Monday to charge that the her statement It is only partly in Prime Munster had spent a true however. For, even though is million rupees (of course from it was initially Mr Mishia's ob-Govt money) to ring up God jections to extending the sitting knows whom in the country during the crucial Presidential election last August that this allegation should come now after four months really the determination of the and not when Mr Pande was in the wholesome Congress, if that is the name for the old outcome, namely that Misclub There have been other Gandhi had to lay her stateallegations too against the Prime Minister since the parting of the ways in the Congress party and the seating of the Syndicate on the Opposition Sekhar of a Mohan Dharia of benches Dr Ram Subbag the chance to put some search Singh and Mrs Tarkeshwan Sinha have in fact attained Pande, like where the hon quite some fame on this score They had alleged that delegates to Mrs Gandln's requisitioned AICC were brought in IAF planes and that she took a secret midnight plane journey to Madras to meet Mr Karunanidhi and so on

It is easy to see that Mrs Gandhi will be getting into trouble if these allegations go on piling up, what with her having already to reply to Mr Raj Narain who alleges she had a hand in the way Lohia was not looked after in the hospital Soon she may have (which at present is on a shoe- which is a foolish thing to do the government on the right

case Presumably that is what is counting on And quite naturally the ruling Congress party is nervous about the whole thing

But then it was odd that

they should prevent the Prime Minister from making her statement to refute Mr. C.D. Pande's Yet that is what bombshell Though Mr S N Jappened Mishia would claim it was his objections and his partymen's (which term includes some very energetic women also) powerful lungs that kept the House tocking with noise for well over fortyfive minutes on Tuesday and successfully prevented the lunch after a calling attention Funny notice had been disposed of that sparked the controversy, it was ruling party not to yield to the Opposition that clinched the ment on the table instead of reading it out. Which made none wise about its contents and thus deprived a Chandia ing questions to Mr C D member had got his figures and what was the amount of the telephone bills of Dr Rain Subhag Singh for the same period, etc. On the other hand, Mr Dharia's motion to disperse with the lunch recess and Mr K K Shah's solemn declaration that the majority view should prevail in the House acted as spurs to the shouting from the Swatantra-Syndicate-Jana Sangh-SSP benches which made the Chairman helpless and Mis Gandhi powerless to refute



'What we endured during the freedom struggle was nothing compared to this

if you know what we mean bijes if the latter could not Compared to Mrs. Gandhi's make one Which made a Controubles, Mr. Jagiwan Ram has gress Member innocently wonbeen more lucky, escaping gril- der what the former Deputy ling in the Lok Sabha twice, Chairman of the Plaining the House adjourning on both Commission was doing when occasions, for no fault of his, he was in government when a debate on his tax arrears. The trouble, however, is was scheduled. The Food while Mr. Asoka Mehta can Minister may well prove to give a political content to his Prime Minister from reading out have the proverbial nine lives, section of the split. Congress in a parliamentary sense, that and take it into the company

vacuum noted earlier, it is per- nomie slogans, Mrs Gandlu's of the House past the time for haps. Mr Asoka, Mehta who supporters are yet to discover can yet save the split from dis- what they want appointment Mr Mehta is Gandhi's existing scheme of one of those original socialists things, mixed economy and in the country and is today socialism are synonymous and happy in the company of anthus sounds strange to many of other equally original socialist them like Mr K K Chatterjee, Mr Masam His contribution for instance. On the other to the debate on the Monopolies hand, Mr. R. K. Birla from the Bill therefore was an important Opposition is content to accept event and he proved to be very effective in his role Particularly arrows were aimed at the slow walking Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed It was like hearing Mr. Nijalingappa again at Fandabad Mr Asoka Mehta doesn't stand any whom a Congress Member nonsense about the public sec- quoted help solve, such riddle? tor and he has pleaded with all the force at his command for large-scale enterprises to be brought about by meiging existing plants in the private sector like what Mr Wilson has been doing in Britain so that production picks up and the export market is invaded Naturally Mr Masani found it casy to agree with a great deal of what Mr Asoka Mehta said on the subject of monopolics. effectively the allegations of Mr. But the most sensational part Pande It therefore looked that of Mr. Asoka Mehta's speech to put her entire secretariat her own side had let her down, was his offer to give a plan to

of the Swatantia and the Jana To revert to the policy Saugh on mutually agreed eco In Mis the Prime Minister's definition that there is no such thing as since his darts and a private sector and a public sector but only one national sector and oppose the Monopolies Bill on that very count. Can even "Mr John' Robinson ABSENTE GALLIOMAN

Exit only?

(The door is still unde open -Mr Nyalmgappa)

A wide open door Does symbolically show A welcome-to step in, without doubt.

But his doors open wide So that all those inside May in turn, one by one, be kicked out! LIONORA

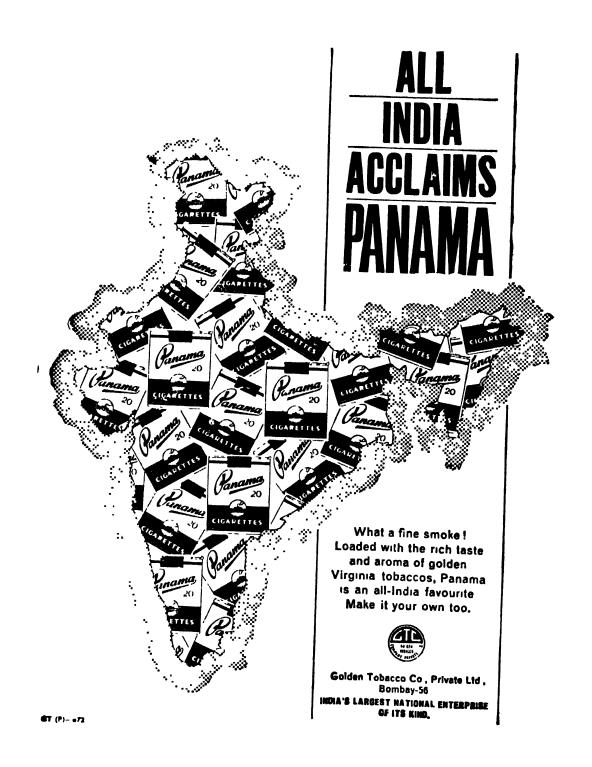


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of Time







That Blasted Baby

THE letter was ready. It had my smiles to go by registered post Unfortunately that very day Prema and young Tunny were out And I had an urgent with her rather more than or- to lick at or chew up or bang invitation then put both his writing job on hand Postal re- duranty heavy baby-brother, together or throw full force at chubby little hands down in gistration means a large chunk she executed a sprightly dance my head. Mischievous Nature front of him raised himself up of a man's life in this country If only someone turned up and tered for me first," I talked can use in digging up a strong ing towards the swivel did it for mel

wrenches on my being

· Billilbilli. tuckled bubbling sound from the dir-, ection of the study-room door

on the scene, her baby-brother reasoned astride her hips The youngster was engaged industriously brother? in the great ait and mystery of blowing bubbles at me. Here and taken action on it

smilingly

I will, Nma"

O goody-goody!"

And though

business

"Lord send me help!" I "But it will take a long time," prayed torn by the many the gul protested, breaking hera gone

'Not much if you run down to the post-office right now And little Nma the eleven- and the ice-candy stand will be year old neighbouring gul was there in the street all day," I

'Leave him here"

And little Nina was off like was help indeed. The Lord, a shot with my letter and the usually deaf to my pitcous requisite copper, her lumpy moans, had heard my latest one dumpy baby-brother on the dumpy baby-brother on the carpet, near the door It was "Ah Nina," I said softly and then that I realized what a alingly very big fool I had made of The ree-candy man's come, myself I was now alone, all and I want two ice-candies, alone, with little Nina's babyand Mummy's not at home, brother And to be alone with and, Tinny's tacher, won't you this child is to be alone with give me fifty paise?" the gul all the possibilities and many recled off, never slow to take of the certainties of a major

cially created for him that its him to come to me. He blew a countless articles have been string of bubbles at me to encumbered particularly fashioned for him signify his acceptance of the Go and get this letter regis- has equipped him with nails he from behind, and started crawlman's flesh or clawing out his eves Though he looks like the young one of a ring-dove, he self up her verve and vim has inside him the strength of a tiger, the agility of a pan- cken ther, the temper of a shrew and the coming of a serpent And I was alone with this menace! I had saved myself boy, the soul within me warnasoned the registration of the letter "And what about my baby- but landed inviself in this pretty pickle! How could a man do you. He'll rip up your belly his writing job, however urgent, in such a situation?

Blblbl bubbled the child, fixing his large black eyes on Avoid him at all cost, at all me as I sat trembling on the swivel by the desk. And then he let off an ear-splitting squawk

'Sh sh sh' I tued to "Blblbl

Sh sh sh! "Squawk!

"Eĥ er ," I yammered

The little man interpreted the sweet away from it

that the world—has been spe- hearted rivitation from me to

Hey!" I velled The baby boy continued,

crawling "Stop!" I gasped, panic-stri-

The little packet of trouble put speed into his progress toward me 'On your guard, old ed me Don't let that little fiend establish contact with with his talons hell bite off your nose, he'll tear up your sc dp he ll gonge out voin eyes cost, see⁵

'Look!' I cried out hoarsely, aiming my finger at the precious Japanese vasc on a tripod six feet from me to the one amig infants right turned saw the heavenly-hard object of ait and made for it I got on to the desk, pushing advantage of my softness and disaster. He is firmly convinced this broken utterance as a warm, didn't care to get into the if you know what I mean I Lattle Nma's baby-brother arri-

clutches of the homicidal brat, while, lost interest in it, drop- 100m? ped off, and sped up to the sat cross-legged on the desk low wooden stand in the corner and watched the proceedings eight feet to one side of the up I stated at the beastlydoor On it stood my letter-rack looking intruder open-mouthed, ved at the trapod, caught one and new ink-bottle. The child a chill tingling up and down fearlessly. kills and robs peoof its stout legs, raised himself knocked off the letter-rack with my spine Good. God, when ple most cruelly police hunt into a standing position and, one blow, and the ink-bottle had the man stolen into the on no results so far.. rewith one vicious, swipe, sent with another. The bottle didn't the vase to the wall two feet break. It lay on the floor on That little witch Nina had sure away What had once been a its side, its contents safe. Then left the front-door open, and rare thing of beauty was now the boy got busy messing about the miscreant had an all too large was in my study at this a scattering of splinters on the with the letters. Now so quiet easy entry. It's really strange floor. But I was safe on my and absorbed was he in this how you mind works to perperch! Safe! And then the child operation that no one could fection sometimes in moments weapon at my abdomen There

"Hands up!"

My hands automatically went study? It was all so sudden trundled about the tripod for a have felt his presence in the of extreme danger Mine recall-

ed the details of a newspaper. item I had read two days back: "Life-prisoner escapes armed with a Rampuri knife... breaks into houses at odd hours ward of Rs 500 to anyone who can lead to the capture of the killer at large." The killer at moment, just three feet from me, and was aiming his ugly was no doubt he was the man

"You cash and valuables," he grunted at me, his head a matted jungle of han, his eyes blood-shot, his face bristly, his body in rags, stinking

'In the bed-room cupboard,"

I told him "The key"

"It's with my wife"

'Where's shé^p'

"Out"

"Come on you Out with the key, or you're a dead man' B-b-but

"The key!

My hour had come Prema had taken the key out with her, but this animal wouldn't believe it. He'd bury his kinfe into me There! The thing was in the process of plunging into me! A maelstrom of darkness began to swallow me up Down, down into the blackest of black abysses I dropped!

'It's all clear now,' Prema explained to me later, sitting by my bed 'Here's the reconstruction Just when the man was about to use his knife, Nma's little baby-brother who must have been somewhere behind him, and of whose presence in the room he had no inkling, let fly the full inkbottle at the back of his head The killer went down in a heap No, he didn't die You slumped down on the desk, and then came down on the floor No mjury Just shock. You'll be all night in two days, Little Nina returned from the post-office soon after the man was hit, and spread the alarm, and the police came in, and so did I Oh, yes, we get those five-hundred"

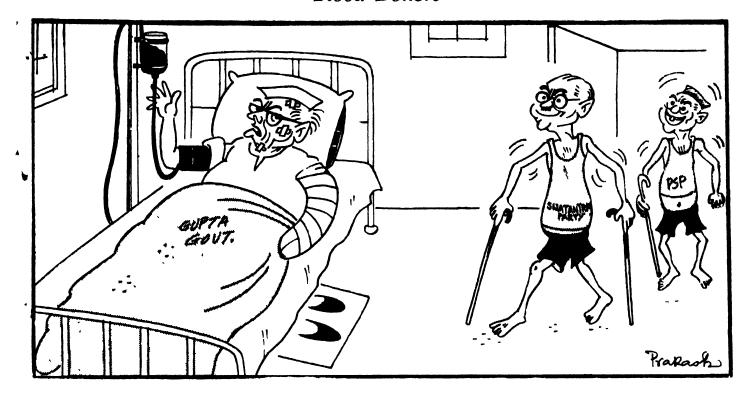
"No," I said "That angel child gets the amount'

"He gets an equal amount too It has been decided by the authorities.'

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A Ticket to Ride

THERE was a foolish gim on my face as I read the telegram I crumpled it and shoved it into the waste paper basket

"But I am sure, Asha, I gave it to her,' I said and even as I said it, it sounded foolish in my own ears I felt mortified

"The poor—child," said my wife Aslia She licaved a sigh and I knew that I was a silly fool

The shull whistle of the train. the green flag of the guard, the cacophony of the passengers and the waving of arms and the hustle and bustle on the platform passed before my mental eye as I recollected and seconstructed the scene

I had promised Asha that I would put her niece Usha on 15 comfortable?" the train

"You would see her off, won't you?" said Asha.

"Of course, dear The train arrives right on schedule, and I would have ample time to see her off."

"You be careful"

'Sure "

"They have ladies' compartment of course?

"Oh. ves"

you to find accommodation for tion to see her off

'Absolutely not."

"You'd find her a seat"

"Of course I shall"

"In the ladies' compartment?"

"Sure, in the ladies' compartment

"And you would not leave. till the train departs?

"Right I would not leave '

"And you would see that she

"Right,"

tact and all that?"

"Of course I shall"

know."

"Absolutely right, Asha"

"She may tell her mother if there is any difficulty So you better watch out"

"Of course I shall"

I told Usha that I would be 'So it will not be difficult for accompanying her to the sta-

> "But when I came here I came all by myself, uncle, carrying the sint case and my baggage

> I raised a paternal hand and said that everything was taken care of, she need not have to bother about anything

"But--" she tried to protest. I was adamant, of course I wanted to see her off I wanted to see that she boarded the train and I wished she should not return to bother us She was de trop in our house and the sooner she departed the "See that her luggage is in better it would be for us

"Look here Usha, I want to see you off I would help you "She is a mere child, you find suitable accommodation and all that You are a young we started to choose com-

lady, my dear child and it is better I come with you'

"But, uncle, wouldn't it be a bother?"

"Don't be silly. It would rather be a pleasure,"-which it was, if you know what I mean

"A pleasure^p" There was a sceptical note in her voice

I quickly answered that I derived pleasure in seeing the child off It hut me of course, I said, since we would miss her. I stopped there. She may see through the dissembling part I was playing

"Okav, uncle, it you insist, you can come But still I think I could make it

'Say no more' I said and raised the paternal hand.

So I accompanied her to the station I rushed to the counter and bought her ticket and tucked it safely in my pocket There was still an hour to go We chatted for a while

As soon as the train arrived

fortable accommodation She started to open the door of the fun travelling with those men?" compartment which was near

No,' I said, as I saw the faces of the three gentlemen (if you can call them that) inside the compartment Thev looked like Thigs

I promisec Asha that I shall put you in the ladies' coinpartment and so my dear young lady, you go into the ladics' compartment

I held her hand and led her to the ladies compartment

But, uncle, wouldn't it be

'Fun?"

"Yes mick"

They don't vour throat and fling your body out through the window

'I don't think they will " she said. If they try any of that funny stuff I'll pull the cham and stop the train

Don't be a fool" (I wished to add more than you can help but reframed because she may tell her mother)

"They would chop off your head while you are asleep," I

That got her She fell silent and accompanied me

I found the ladies' compartment and she went in I shoved in her luggage and thanked God She could not return now, could she?

There was a woman who was bulging on all sides and I put Usha in her care

"Don't you worry, I shall take care of this child," she said

"Okay, Usha. Are you com-tortable?" I said I was glad she would soon part company.

"Yes, uncle, I am all right,"

You got a comfortable seat beside this (I wished to say 'plump') lady,"

"Sure"

"The train_would be leaving in a minute

"Yes"

"And you safe beside this uoman

"Of course"

'Do you think you have all' the baggages with you?'

"Yes."

"Have you counted them?"

"Yes"

'Nothing missing?

"Na'

`Then you'll be leaving soon

Yes"

I shall be proud to tell Asha '

"Oh, yes"

"Wait a minute," I said 'Do you think you need reading material?

If it is not a bother'

Okay ' I said and got her a magazme

Anything else?

No, she said

How about some biscuits?' All right

I got her some biseuits I saw the guard waving his green flag and soon the train started to leave the station

I ran for a while waving my arms

You'll be all right?" I shouted

'Yes, she said and waved her aims "You have been good Thanks a lot. Tell aunte. Good-bye"

Soon the train disappeared... When I returned home Asha was furious

"So you saw her off?" asked Asha

'Why, darling, I did."

'Are you sure you had done everything you could?"

Well, I did everything"

"Then look at this telegram." She handed me the telegram and said that they had been wiring for her ticket

I fumbled in inv pockets and brought out the ticket.

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FESTIVAL FILMS

"Bhuvan Shome" (India)



Utpal Dutt

MRINAL SEN producer and director of this film, is one of those neo men who could be counted upon to inculcate in his work the cinema verice In Bhuyan Shome be has woven in a subtle philosophy directed against snobbery, selfishness and what we may call "salub-ism" But as an But as an intellectual, he is prone to deny this and say he has no message to give

Shome Sahib is a bumptious bureaucrat of the Railways A stickler as far as rules go he considers it infra dig to view his subordinates as persons with sensitivity. For him they are merely a bunch of slaves labouring at the oars of the ship of state. He controls with an uon hand all that he rules, and when it comes to discipling, does not fluich from punishing his own son

Shome takes a holiday and goes a-hunting to a remote village in Saurashtra There he is forced to depend on Gowri who literally feads hun by the nose. Shome feels humbled before the eleverness and pragmaticism of this village belle He had, just before going on holiday, completed a report against Gown's husband Patel a ticket collector in a small station, for accepting

dry dunes (dry and dull as and stylistically executed by bets of Essenbeck to gain absorbiomes own life) he is back Utpal Dutt by hite power over the steel works, at the office Patel is transfer- Suhasini Mulay (Gowi) is the SA and SS Nazi thrust red to a bigger station and real find, is chaining Maha against each other, the unwrites to Gowii, Well, what jan's photography is competent classifiable mymphomania cunido you knows Mimal Sen would seem to say

mind. The approach is wel-sonalized expression. come but does not the treat, this his best? ment tend to become too techmeal? Trifles are accentuated and magnified. The pace is injudiciously slow and repeti injudiciously slow and repetitive shots jam in There is much more in shit shots treezes. The a great admirer of Satyajit much more in slit shots, freezes and zooms than there is in the moving visuals. There are momeaningful glance at guls when an unknowing Cowir talks to Shome about a certain Shome Sahib, and when the official comes down to earth Utpal Dutt here is devoid of showmanship and flamboyance and is constantly under the by itself is a triumph for both Freedom comes to Dutt when he is no longer the burra salub but is plain Bhuvan Shome



Anula Karunatillake

'goos' (bribe). After the brief. This symbolic freedom is very intrigues, andividually start of duck-shooting in the well conceived by Minal Sen severally, of the family mem-

This means A most notable adjunct to the more earnings for mel). That film is Vijava. Raghava Rao's music (renumscent of I am Twenty?) In the final analysis Obviously Sen wants to de-then, Minial Sen emerges as one pict the climb down of a tough, who analyzes the high and low, Hence the arduous the false and the real, the base journey - a psychological rain- and noble instructs of man. Corbling of the person and the tainly a new opening in per-

"Golu Hadawatha" (Ceylon)

Ray and Ray on his part has the highest regard for him Mi-Peries won the top award for ments of greatness—like when the cart-driver (a bit over—International Film Festival and acted) arches his eyebrows and the present film will certainly be winks at the Salub with a strong contender for the same honom this time It is a quict, gentle restrained and extremely sensitive study of a young boy (Sugath) and a gril Oedipus-complex in the son (Damayanthic) who fall in the ambitious man of doubtful love in college. But there is learnings, and the woman the a typical Asian situation by principal ingredient to the exwhich the girl has already been plosive mixture - these constithumb of the director. Which promised to her cousin (Nihal) tute grist to the slow-grinding, on her uncles death hed. But creaking but gorgeous mill of we are not told of this at the Visconti. In a grand contrast beginning when we see the to the beginning on a note of situation through the eyes of revely with the end descendthe boy. And the gul seems ing as only Doom would decruel and frivolous almost after seend. Visconti paints a picture love

> phere of his own country and painful vision. The might of people. There is no ittempt at the long knives' when there is Instrionics or melodiama, nor confrontation between the two guinmickry by way of super-groups of Nazis could not have duper techniques. The secret been better imagined. These of the heart is revealed in the apart, the rest of the film is a manner of filling up the blanks, meandering trip with a collecand careful editing adequately tion of damned characters slow compensates for a suggestion by winding then weary way to of monotony

"The Damned" (Italy/USA)

second world war, the rise and convincing. Dick Bogarde infall of the third Reich, Nazism cluded and the SS as themes, could heights of imagination in the be added one more Damned" It would be just leaves us bleary eyed. We will one more were it not for be damned, yes, if the jury Director Luchino Visconti. The decide otherwise.



Dirk Bogarde

having fully reciprocated his of outright realism with the flourish of a deliberate ritist. Peries has his own unique In fact the end as a contra way of conveying the atmos- entry to the beginning is a the end Makes one squirm in the seat Helmut Berger as the neurotic heir-apparent Maitin outshines the others - a To the several films with the pale Ingrid Thulin and an un Even if we reach "The realm of higher art, this film

"Isadora" (UK)

Those who have missed this biography of Isadora Duncan at the Festival can entertain some hopes of sceing it commercially Those who did not miss it will agree that Karel Reisz has made it a film to remember, certamly in the glorious abandon with which Vanessa Redgrave performs and also in the directorial sensitiveness which goes into it. If, in the process, it becomes to the peaceful co-existence which seems to have brought it off, which is not very common. in any emematic age and certamly not with two people with as strong personalities as Vancssa Redgrave and Karel Keisz, H. Isadora Duncan had to be done on the screen, this is about the best that could have been done



Kukkeo

Vanessa Redgrave

"Hunting Flies" (Poland)

Wajda, who was on the jury of our last international film vides good music festival, is one of the world's film he seems to be hunting thes out) movie of the acid type limiself, an amusing and partly useful occupation, but hardly worth the trouble. The colour, the acting, the casting and some not merest Wajda himself

(UK)

Sounds—like a mathematical problem. It sure is. There is a solution but it is not unique Everyone involved has his or her own solution Elma (Judy Gecson known to us through To Su with Love and Prudence and the Pill') warns Steve (Rod Sterger) to be careful when he gives a lift to a stranger The warning as much as an actiess film as then he has picked her up and, proceed a process of the most hyperstanding the use twen, it is a pressure than the his picked her up and, proceed Reglum processors of the most hyperstanding the use twen, it is a pressure than the true and the processors are the processors and the processors are the processors and the processors are the proces a director's, it is a tribute with her, trouble. Trouble for hun and her. The fortythreeyear old successful assistant sales director could never dream that when he gives the hitchliker a lift in his ear, he is huitling down the precipice of family calamity. He thinks it fun to sleep with her - one of those stray accidents expenenced and forgotten. No, the impression is indelible because she conceives She sums up the affair and soys, 'Bloody nony. Why? Steve and his wife. are a childess couple. They have a permanent bickering on the question of adoption Why not Elma's baby? That cannot be for there is not going to be any baby his or hers. Matters come to a head and are resolved. Steve and his wife separate The separator continues her aunics journey to make or wick more homes

Director Peter Hall imparts bold dimensions to details The dialogues are overt and could be swallowed only by M-plus audiences. So are some of the nude shots which doubtless attract crowds here The impish and mesistible Judy is the mainstay Rod Steiger is steady. His elip-elap utterances reveal pent up anger nuitured by a man long suffering from inner torment of a childless life Clane Bloom is Rod's terminue foil Francis Lai as in A Man and a Woman', pro-A well directed, well-acted and wellmost respected directors. In this shot (location shooting through-

"If (UK

Linds iv Anderson's allegory of the direction is very good of embattled authority is proba-But this silly triangle in what bly the best film of the festival appears to be Polish suburbia. It its most obvious level, it is simply does not interest us. One the 'Tom Brown's School Days'

the school

Surrealism and symbolism supervene when the boys play truant, steal a motor bike and encounter a gul m the tea-shop, when the repressed pillar of respectability, the daughter of the master walks naked in the empty corridors of the dormitary, a pathetic ghost looking for its mislaid life. It is a film that conveys its meaning by its absurd turns and twists and is a highly significant parable of the

"The Days Of Mathicu" (Poland)

This could be out of an Indian novel from anywhere in India in the Sarat Chatteries cia. Of a middle-aged man who is a lovable good-for-nothing, and even an idealist, which many goodfor-nothings are. But he sponges on his hard-working sister. They live in a little but by a lake, and it is the arrival of the proverbial stranger, the man who assaults his cosy security and hold on his sister which brings Mathren to despair and, after feeble resistance makes him take his own life. In fact, if it were not so refined and if it were not his sister, whose relations with him are very pure indeed, we would have said "Mathieu" is a pretty typical Bombay film hero himself Letting the woman take the brunt of life's problems, and being an escap st who seems content to sponge on her. However, he is lovable even in his social cowardice and perhaps even understandable up to a point

"The Ballad Of Carl Henning" (Denmark)

Denmark is a small film-makhas a sucaking suspicion it did of our times-the story of a re- ing country, though by no means film, with vibrant music by volt in a high toned residential a negligible one. This is a film. Francis Lair

"Three Into Two Won't Go" school in which the "crusaders" steeped in local colour and well --three of the most imaginative shot in black and white. Howstudents studying there, grow ever, like an Indian film, it into a conviction of the rotten- takes well over one hour to ness of the "system" and blow come to any sort of point And it up Very much in accordance even when it does, it is a point with the subjective mood of which is so quietly and gently the title the film hovers bet- made-about a young boy, who ween what is and what might has so far been indulging in be, between the real and the harmless horse-play with his fafabled and the fancied But the mily and friends, thinking he has ambiguity is deliberate and em- killed his boss-that one is taken phasised by every technical de- unawares, to say the least Howvice available including the use ever, it is a pleasant film, ever episodes. Realism predominates one of the most honest, sincere in the meticulous recapture of and affectionately made, in the whole festival. We preferred it to most of the sexy glossies

"A Man And A Women"

(France)

The story of a man and a woman thrown together in strange circumstances. But as it progresses, the man and woman are shown to have particular lives of their own They chance on each other in the boarding school where they come to see then respective children during weekends This chance acquaintance grows and each has a glympse of the others life A sudden twist, and the cruel hand of Fate snatches the woman's husband (a 'stunt' man of the movies) away. The man, a racing-car test-driver, has lost his partner, too. There now is visible a bond in their lonely lives. Yet they do understand that they are drifting apart The whim of the woman unites them For the second time there is parting followed by a dramatic clasp Will they play hide and seek with their emotions or stay tegether is an unanswered question.

The seemingly colourless plot is given imaginative and sound build-up Technique is the watchword of the film There is intelligent use of flashback with only the necessary details sliding into position in riddle-like lashion Is this a generalization of a particular case study of the fathomless heart of a woman is not for Director Claude Lelouch to answer. One is welcome to probe and get an answer. It largely depends on one being a man or a woman A cleverly made

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"Ouele Do Pajeu" (Brazıl)

Director Anselmo Duarte takes us back to Northeast Biazil of the thirties where everything but women is barten Law exists only to be broken because it is the anti-people law and Robin Hood type bandits abound They took to violence after the land had been foreibly taken away from them A certain Clementele (Tarcisio Meira) is looking after whatever cattle is left His sister is raped by an unknown visitor and the angry young man, who knows no fear, sets out to avenge the disgrace An accident gets bin a girl for a wife and the captain of the bandits assures hm a place in the gang Clamentele gets the man he is bandit looking for, leads him and the made pastor back home for a double marriage ceremony. The marriage is over but not vengeance The two men lock themselves in a fight to death, eventually out short by the arrival on the scene of 'monkees' In the ensuing gunbattle the man who 'brought hell to Clementele's house takes it away with him' Just as the hunted man is about to surrender the Captain arrives and drives away the monkees Clementele has no other alternative but to join the gang. His tragedy is not over



'Quele do Pajeu"

nkar's Weekly

"Le diable par la queue"

His wife is killed. This chir- the list a playboy and his girl-

good understanding of the laws of pulled the Devil by the tail God are experily handled with and kept the wolf away from along but the second half has jeu d'esprit a diag. Yet, the film with its smell of the soil will be remembered long

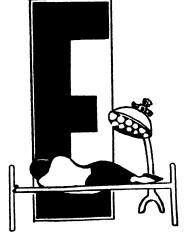
"Le Diable Par La Queue" (France)

Which when translated means 'To pull the Devil by the tail' And by Jove, the French do pull and twist the tail of the Devil The mood of the film was set in the introduction of the delegates by the French cultural attache. The purpose of the film is to entertain a la French It does so in 11ch measure In fact it gives some lessons on how to convert an old crumbling chateau into a grand cafe. But then it needs the expertise, finesse and quickthinking of granny Marchioness, the verve and vivaciousness of la femme (two daughters Diane and Jeanne), the mulish patience of a son-in-law, and the charm and suaveness of a bank tobber, preferably French tion of abstruseness. It allures

day he is a proclaimed outlaw and four Swedish nudist-hippies The core of the film is the in quest of adventure And is a haunting piece. Some libertine. When you come to and anti-emotion delicate questions such as the Finis, you realize that Marchioduties of a pastor, man and his ness and family have not only a wry sense of humour. The the door but banished the blues first half of the film trundles in you. A howlingly funny

"Barrier" (Poland)

This non-competitive Polish film is enigmatically a concoc-



"The Barrier"

For throwing the spanner into the audience to entertain the the works you can draft in the possibility of a great cinematic nit-wit in the garage Add to experience by its opening

sequence, which shows the naked back of a young man with his hands tied behind This back dominates the frame so that the other side is as mysterious as the dark side of the moon What is actually happening is that the young man is sitting for an eximination for a scholarship. The examination demands the lifting up of a match-box stuck to a measuring scale

Tenuous symbolism swamps the whole film. The theme is singularly about the cumu of contemporary man, and though each frame is a beautiful and 'arty' composition, one cannot help feeling the film stretches far more than necessary to thes the issue and from that friend, a seaside going family make its thematic point. The director does not conceive any shot unabstractedly. He makes justification of the life of the what have you? A jogush, use of various components of bandit who is not born but rollicking row-de-dow all along celluloid-gymnastics, and edits made. The visuals are very the road Director Plihppe de at a terrific pace. The effect good and photography by Boreca ensures that the fare is to leave the audience spell-context pulling features of the flast stable stable with Montanal as the composed cellulations. outstanding features of the film table style Yves Montand as loid images, but tired by the are the fast-moving camera and the flashy, lady-killing crook is mounting of one abstraction music by Jose Rosa. The magnificent The dialogues upon another, by the perpetual chorus as the bandits ride along and situations are sparklingly confrontation between emotion.

"Bells of Death" (Hong Kong)

The fact that this is from a foreign country enjoins on us the use of restraint in saving what we feel about this houror-Suffice it to say that film. some of our own desi fillums (Bombay glossies for that matter) are far superior to this celluloid massacre—where the hero chops people like nobody's business Savagery, thy name is Bells of Death A waste of superb technical talent



"Bells of Death"

"Anna Karonina" (USSR)

In the presentation ceremony preceding the screening of the film the renowned director Mexinder Zarkhi declared that folstoy's works like those of Shakespeare are universal classics and are hable to be interpreted in many ways. Whatever might be the interpretation—the basic fact that Anna Karemua was a woman who necded what was demedher viz love, more love and abundant love, cannot be disputed. Tom between love for her son and Vronsky she is always undecided as to what course to take. A divorce is not agreed to by her husband The samtly figure torments her and she hates him for his frames return she decides her own end leaving us to judge whether she deserves sympathy or not Zukhis approach to the film is direct. He has assembled the facts of the novel in logical order and with imagination justaposes the happenmgs in two parallel lines - the lives of Anna her husband and Vronsky on the one side and Levin and Kitty on the other Where Zarkhi deviates is in the characterization of Karenin

Inlated demand sympathy Zarkhi's creation of a powersympathy to Anna Scenes to be careful in the eyes of

to the classic variety virtues. Come to a point of no moving across the white sheet elever and wonderfully naughts of snow and the morning showing Levin's peasants in harmomous labour in the field-are unforgettable. The whole film is a classic if one could think more famous contemporary Czecho-But Zarkhi would agree that past and the present by the Anna is too fundamental a human propensity to sin. The looked

"At the Height of the Moon" (FRG)

We are veering round to the All on a sudden the character view that the Germans notwithassumes gigantic proportions standing the Wall and their Nikolai Gritsenko's Karenin is love of beer are second to great. Compassion is the key- none in looking squarely at note. His poise delivery the lighter side of life. In proof movement and the way he feels, whereof here is a story of three humiliated, crushed and anni- generations, the grandpa the pa-

and the kids-all hving under one roof None understands the other until forced to a corner and held up to the other's The writer, his wife VICWS ful Karenin has tilted the bal- and children, the grandpa ance in his favour and demes with geut dancing with the housekeeper who gives him when Karenin beseeches Anna that extra attention needed, Jenny the adolescent gul in society when he admonishes love with mick the teenaged her and expresses his love to boy David with nocturnal outthen son and when he forgives mgs shrouded in invstery and the man who wrecked his life last but not least the enfant - these are wonderfully con-terrible. Emma (out to save ceived and presented with humanity with leeches) are all article ferrom They show so charmingly brought together Karcide in better light. These that the semblance of a plot are the very poignant moments with imminent fire blow up when Anna should receive our etc. is pushed to nothingness sympathy but either due to The chuckle-a-minute dialogues Zarklus wont or Gritsenkos (made understandable by apt playing this does not happen subtitles) make us forget any Technically the film belongs serious purpose to which, of the classic variety. Two course, the film has no pretenwhen the coach is sions. Emma is atrociously

"Joke" (Czcchoslovakia)

Jaronal Jues one of the more of Karenin and not of Anna slovak directors relates the creation of Tolstov to be over-concern of social problems ex-sociation of places and of Czechosłovak emema myariably method of the writer who links and the cinema becomes ences by words, with the a testunous to Thomas Mann's method of the painter who asfamous statement that in our sociates by space-compositions times issues will tend to be For example Jahn, attending a stated in political terms neo-baptism ecremony presidence by the mayor of a small against humanity

> Czechoslovakia is liberated in thwarted, because Helen no is preved at being separated the human-ness of Helen camo



Josef Somer "loke"

The film is told in flashbacks The present finds Ludvig Jahn working in a research institute Director Jires has used a surprising technique with his? flashbacks. He makes his character re-live the past by ashibited in the contemporary spaces thereby alternating the leads the films to political associates ideas and experiand terse statements of hur town remembers another hall mainty and of how men can where his friend Paul presided in their minds conceive acts and where the assembly expelled him from the university

The more ostensible of the The research-worker seeks two nomes in loke is the revenge in making love to earlier one. Shortly ofter Paul's wife However, he is 1945 and the people's republic longer lives with Paul who is established, a student, Ludvig a philanderer anyway, and be-Jahn, writes a letter to his gul cause Helen begins to hope friend. She is an aident young and to depend on Jahn to such revolutionary and goes to a an extent that his cumingly special camp for further politi- executed vengeance not only cal training where she receives falls on its own face, but apa postcard from her lover, who pears a possible crime against

from her, and teases her about The joke, indeed, is that her political ardour. In her criminal stupidity cannot be naivete, she hands over the contained by criminal stupidity. postcard, which we might well but is frequently committed for presume has aheady been read such a purpose. A moral that is by the organizers of the camp, rather Gandhian, and it is not and the young lover is thrown surprising that a Czechoslovak down a psychological cliff by film carries this moral, in broken premises of friendships, view of the massive civil disexpelled from the university obedience the Czechoslovaks and consigned to a hard-labour adopted at the time of their tragedy last year



"At the height of the moon"

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blems. This sensitive and mi- is a very refreshing film mature saga answers such criticism

Director S Rostotsky is able to create the school that is their relationship with society

"Till Monday' could be the t is the story of Melnikov a ly been termed a restrospective of world einema tudes of being an honest intellectual, teaches at a higher secondary school He provokes tension both by his evaluation of his colleagues and by his attitude to a girl he once taught and since then loved. Secondly, it is the story of the growing-up of Natalya, the gul Meliikov loved and whom, he realizes, he still loves Thirdly, it could be said to be the story of Svetlana, who is simple-minded. always seeking immediate solutions to problems more complex than she imagines, and who (because she is a veteran (cacher) suffers a vulnerable ego behind her facade That these themes are interlaced becomes proof of the thematic complexity of the film Added to these themes is a class of students who, in some vague manner, symbolise the social This symbolism con-Soasses ceives of the teachers as a group of leaders.

However, the symbolic social structure mentioned above, is created almost outside the film. so to say, for in the film itself the director's efforts have been to keep to the minimum the Lace of this symbolism.

(USSR)
One realizes that minor improvises so that life is a American underground's Andy human gestures are charged pleasant curiosity for him with such significance in this Director Emile Degelin made under- or over-exposed, and this obvious by his choice of the camera has a marked the opening shots, both of tendency to slow down to attention on the problems of when the story is naturalistic which are frozen. The first the point of this photograph of largers total effect of this population.

"Benjamin"

(France)

his subject, into a vague sym- French period comedies where bol of society as such That Love is all But this is a very this symbolism is neither for sophisticated, elegant and happy mal nor unreal is a tribute to study of the art of seduction his abilities as a realist. He amongst the French aristocracy presents a chronology of meritary dialogue is brilliant, even dents which are by them more so in French than in the selves significant, and with the English in which this film is dubbed. The acting by a top script, he is able to relate these experiences of individuals to superb The sets, the castles and the gardens are not only ideal for the situations but ideal for

"Tomorrow" (Belgium)

This is the story of a solitary a peculiar social context individual who instead of breaking-down the under

in Spain and, because of the the humour and the frozen shot, seeming to be a context is predictable

The film is humourously This is one of those typical composed and is a constant shuffle between the reality in which Jerome finds himself, when at the end of his summer holiday he has neither any money left nor a flight reservation, and the possibilities Jerome considers — to live without money and without a chance to get back home Tho Spanish summer scene is played around with The duector paus from a very ugly middleaged couple to the statue-like camera work. This seems to be bathing beauties on the beach. story of many subjects Firstly, in what has rather ambitious comic actor for the role of come actor for the role of Jerome is itself a twist on films about *cnnui*, for most of cuema's detelict heroes have been veritable Adonises point about human loneliness and human dexterity takes on

weight of loneliness, constantly to take inspiration from the sion with great fanfare

day-to-day life. In fact, an and not purely symbolic shows the photograph of Jerome total effect of this non-compe-official eyebrow is raised against. Though there are times when a in a lonely-heart's magazine, titive film is marred inspite of Soviet artists being unduly naive sense of realism emerges and the second shows Jerome competent acting by the preoccupied with minor pro- on the screen, as a whole, this sleeping half-naked in his hotel principals, because much of morbid

SHORTS

"Walking"

(Canada)

Is a technically superb ammation by Ryan Larkin where lifeless sketches enliven the proceedings

"Ramayana And Cambodian Dances"

(Cambodia)

Describes in slow movements their own understanding of the epic and the classical form of dancing in true oriental style Background music is based on what appears to be a variation of the Carnatic raga Mohanam

"Royal Procession"

(Cambodia)

Is a dreary affair, in which The manner of filming seems the ruler is taken out in proces-

"Bred To Win"

(New Zealand)

Is a graphic detail of the race industry in New Zealand, The most interesting part of this short is the running commentary of the race which is akin to the chanting of mantras by our paudits!

"Mooselle" (FRG)

Is a descriptive account of the decade-old bickering between German indiscipline and French individualism preceding the commissioning of the ferry service on the river connectmg the two peoples scheme was sought to the scuttled by the competitive railways on both sides but sheer bureaucracy prevailed in seeing it through The interruptive animation technique and the racy narration blend admirably.



Irina Pechernikova ('Let us live till Monday'-USSR)

The Anonymous Master

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These craftsmen work around

splendid exhibition at the stylisation of Dravidian gods and Fine Arts, New Dellu, last week, goddesses, their majestic eroticwhere two of the basement gal- ism removed from anything proleries were filled with meticu- fane and familiar. There was a lous copies of traditional Indian striking Uma on show, fullstatuary It was a magnificent breasted, languid-cycd, revealing himself be influenced by the na- chance to travel, to meet craftsjob organising craftsmen from her massive parts, yet altogether all over the country, getting at a figure which inspires mystery them must have been a problem, and devotion Stylisation was the prototype of these carvings traditions. Such encounters are because there is no longer any the means by which our temple had their own habitats. An bound to be fruitful. Because money in these crafts, and their sculptors demarcated the aesthehereditary practitioners are fast tie from the real. Nor was this mean something more as part of unacknowledged artists, men ingetting extinct. Hearteningly, stylisation an attempt at weak a pantheon, as part of a larger hibited by their own humility enough of them seemed to be positiness, in fact an element of visual and religious experience, and to a certain extent by the carving, numerous enough for the rugged, even the grotesque, than in the alienness of a draw- rigours of their discipline preservation. In these nameless mingled with its untimations of ing room Sila Balika or the excellent Tiru- own century It is fascinating vannamalai figurines are as good to watch the West slowly veer The craft is the same, the same liberation from the old Grecoconception, and the same herra- Roman prison has been slow and staggered

The Indian stone carver took the monuments and in the tem- his stone as something predeterple cities A good deal of work mined in nature. This was un- So while we emphasise the who have carved these magnifrom the Agra region depends like the Western sculptor who distinction between craftsmen ficent replicas. An opportunity on the Taj motifs, not merely took for his raw material a cut and aitists, we must Jo so with to widen their horizons is the the outlines, but the inner pas stone of specific dimensions. The this understanding. And that least it owes them sages as well. Southern crafts. Indian carver 'experienced' his should make us realise the terri-

people the ancient disciplines beauty. In a sense these are. Yet, the importance of this ex-number of our pampered artists have survived with a fair mea-very contemporary forms. Their hibition is that even in a draw- are craftsmen. When they build sure of purity. The Hoysala ideal is close to the spirit of our ing room a part of that experi- a collage, or paint after the sur ence may be recaptured A part realists, or include in Tantras, of a time of great artistic splen-most of them are merely going as originals, except that they round to an acceptance of its dour, when the divorce between through the processes of an acceptance lack the snobbery of antiquity validity the process of West's ait and life had not taken place It was when this divorce took sums of money are being spent place, over many, many genera- on their travels and education tions, that the descendents of these once great artists became focuses the government's attencraftsmen and copyists

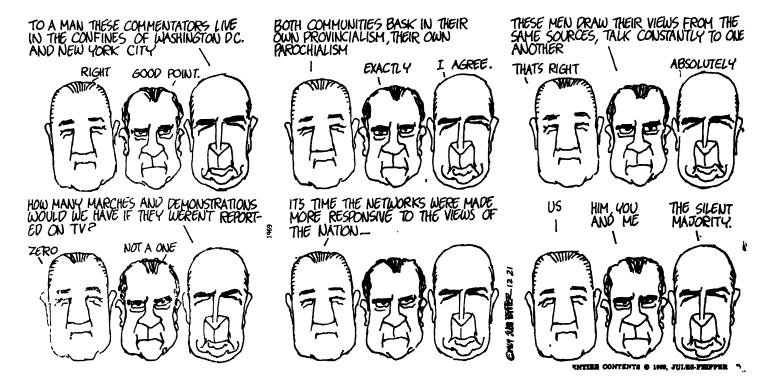
pregnate him with an image. Exhibitions like these are small This is not to suggest total mercies. But then that is all spontancity But within the re- they get an occasional bonus pertory of figures given him by from a condescending official, tradition and religion, he let Hardly ever do they get a tural state of the stone It would men of other countries, to be rebe fair to remember, too, that freshed by other craft and art Apsara on a temple pillar would quite a few of these copyists are

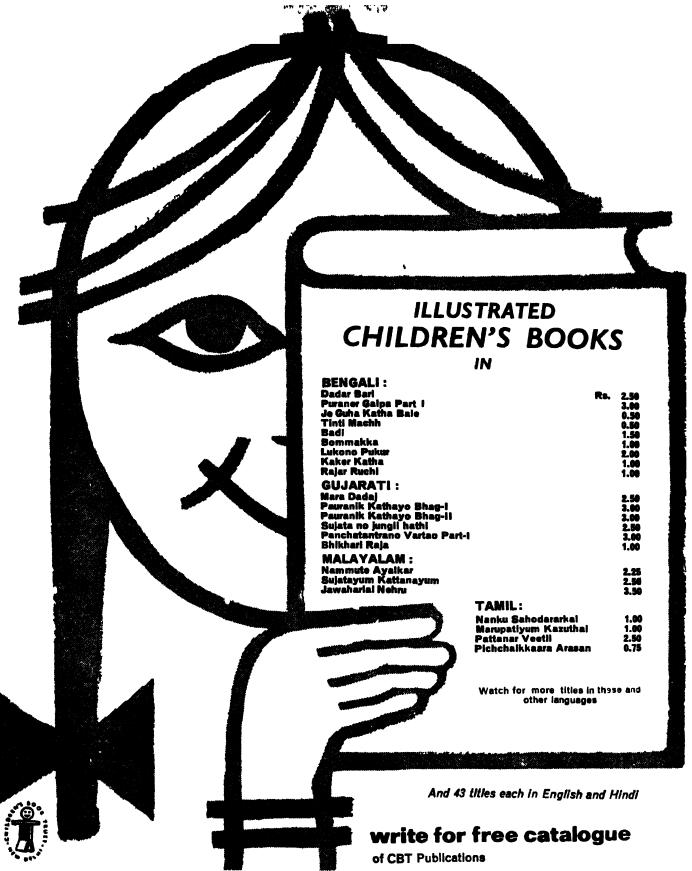
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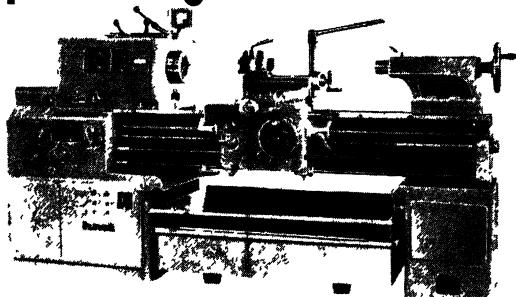


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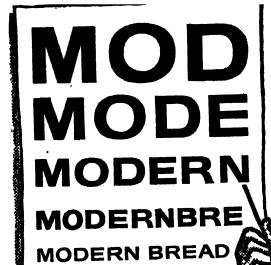
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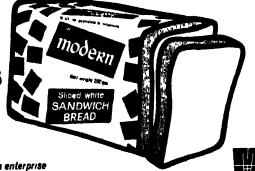
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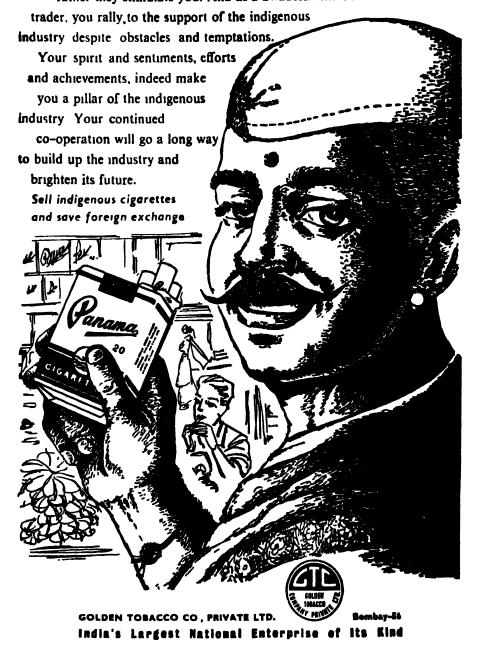
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THE question for the Bombay Congress or any Congress worth the name is whether it can introduce clarity into the confusion of the present political situation, whether it can introduce a measure of certainty into the present complex of uncertainties, and whether it can make of the slogans about socialism a programme of socialist action. Mr. Jagjivan Ram is known for his capacity for sweet reasonableness, he has to show that he is capable of clarity of grasp and presentation and of the practical touch which can turn principles into policies and policies into a programme

India has developed an unparalleled schizophrema. There are two sides to everything, all things are divided. All parties are divided into two or three. Some Communists are to the left, others to the right, some of them lean towards China, others towards the Soviet Union. The SSP is divided between a leaning towards the Syndicate and a leaning towards the Communists The PSP, priding itself on its purity of doctrine and method, is divided between its preference for Morarji Desai and its preference for Jayaprakash Narayan The other parties are no less divided.

Slogans have a double meaning Non-alignment, for instance, means one kind of alignment to some and another kind of alignment to others Democratic socialism, on the other hand, is coming to mean a formal democracy without any socialism in it, or a socialism which is neither doctrine nor action but a parrot cry on the lips of those who do not mean what they say. Planning, too, has been annotated to mean apolitical planning first and then no planning at all

The middle classes have at least three layers and other layers in between them The upper middle class itself consists of classes, so does the lower middle class U and non-U have no meaning yet in India because anyone can, with the help of public relations, affect to belong to a higher class and visit the costlest restaurants. Even the rich are not a single class The princes are of many classes still There is, therefore, no identifiability of any class and Marxist and non-Marxist find it difficult to find the clue to class conflict

In cultural matters, standards are uncertain and tastes have no basis. The Establishment, which includes the opposition or oppositions, provides the main patronage and reduces everything to Delhi's meaningless patterns, where culture grows like cabbage and has little to do with life. The economic processes are the most creative processes for the purpose of integration, but these processes are chaotic and both production and distribution are in a mess

It is not politics or economics or aesthetics alone or even the mixed incentives of mixed economy that are responsible for the present groping. There is too much dissonance on all sides, too many disharmonics. The task for the Bombay Congress is nothing less than to create the semblance of harmony in national life Can it do it?

The 'Man' of the Week



PLEASE TURN OVER FOR PEN PORTRAIT

The 'Man' of the Week

 T^{III} Similicate Joreed Indira Gandhi to his up to the legend of Joan of Are would now like to burn her at the stake But it cannot hope to deal with her in isolation, and there is none get so black hearted as to betray her The fight alread will be worth watching and the people are face to face with history in the making Indua is a product of historical forces. It is because like her tather she would like to be nearer to history than to office that there has been so much of jealousy, hatred and Intterness'

Indua's strong point is her strength of character and that is where she beats the Synduate industrially and collectively. She was endowed with a lustorical sense and the Sundicate neither cares for history nor understands it She has grace and charm and the Syndicate is a collection of uncouth characters. Her pride and reserve have bafft ed them and her sense of purpose has not suited them They thought she would be a puppet and they would have the strings, she has shoun that they are a collection of paper figers She attracts crouds they alienate crowds. She was the only one who could have led a united Congress in the battle for socialism, that prospect uas un-bearable to them. She can speak to the people straight from the heart, they are full of strategems

Indira has been called a Communist and a Fascist by turns, and the Syndicate has not made up its mind what she is She is hear to the heritage of Nehru and they did not like him Proud of her heritage and determined to enriclent, she is essentially a child of the Congress as moulded by Gandhi and Nehru but to those who uent to use Gandla to demetish Nehru at is intolerable But the Syndicate's idea of destroying her image and getting her out of its way so that it can make the country welter of vested interests is not likely to succeed because the people are roused and impatient and the lady is not for Lurning

Is Democracy Safe?

By Our Special Correspondent

ONL of the questions that join the Marxist-Lemmists rivers is whether democracy is number of Trotskyrte groups no group for them sate in India. Not a new There is no reason to feel query by any means because frustrated. since independence 22 years ago weve had this question illusioned. Should be turn to such conditions. It might be thrown at us by western the streets? No He can join link that has kept the pieces pandits

Greece and when France could become a Gaullist state No question of parliamentary democracy then But over in with Minoo Masani, while the democracy survive?

Well there is democracy in Cevlon Pakistan is going back large number of options open revolution? Londonderry will to democracy and so the stor, goes, is Burma. There is no will the Walloons and Flemings reason to believe that India's might become an exception in this region, unless of course we go communist which is a different matter altogether

The present furore is of course due to the split in the Congress Party The Congress has been the main instrument to the party man. This is in of democracy in India. It has sustained democratic form because it has ensured continuity of rule. Now the Congress. has shattered and its main trunk too is splintered

But there is a happier way of looking at it. In the old davs when a Congressman was ignored by the top leaders or thought he was being sat upon his only alternative was to join an extremist party, the Communsts of the Jana Sangh or at best one of the Socialist parties Today he can just walk across to the new party where they are waiting to receive him with open aims

This has happened to other parties also. The socialists are many the Communists are sundered the Jana Sangh is rocked by dissensions and the Swatantia Party shows signs of being dismembered Now. not have to use violence to press then view point A Comletting him down? He can join the Marxists. He feels the Mir-

with Maharijas can tag along

Japan and the Philippines and Judian democracy there are a dit and Tanq Ali want instant

Shankar's Weekly wishes its readers a Happy New Year

sharp contrast to the practice in other countries. If, for instance, a Domocrat feels his party is too far committed to liberal values and racial integration he can join Wallace, it is true, but Wallace is not a party What about liberal Republicans? They had to go along with Barry Goldwater because Nelson Rockefeller did not have the gumption to split the party

That goes for chaps like Eugene McCarthy too He 1epresented all that was best in America's worth. But all too briefly As it became clear that Bobby Kennedy was sweeping the primaries McCarthy folded up and he has remained folded up ever since

The Butish scene is no less bleak The Tories cannot tolerate dissent Powell has only to say something about the local members of these parties do blacks when he is thrown out Note: Items for 'Odd Signs' of the shadow cabinet. But has he any other party to fall back munist feels that Moscow is on? No, he has to stick to the Tones and there he remains. -

Many of the more articulate sists are revisionists. He can and idealistic of the British item published -Ed., S.W.

He Labour Party Michael Foot, cuises sleepless nights on thinks these are romantics? the late Sidney Silverman, etc. the banks of the Potomac, the He can join Nagi Reddy's have had to have undistinguished than the Seine and other group Or Jahing that, any ed careers because there was

It is a miracle that democracy has survived in the The Congress Socialist is dis- United States and Britain under the PSP. The PSP is pro-Esta- together. But luck will not last They have gone on asking blishment! He can join the SSP for all time. There may be just this when Spain and Portugal where igain be has the choice one tiny crack, another setback remain fiscist states when a of the Fernandes group, the over Viet Nam, one more inpulse of colonels has occupied Lamave faction and the Ray sult from France over UK's Naram wing The Swatantsa attempts to enter the EEC, and members who are not happy people will be jushing into the streets raising the red flag

Is it a wonder that American India it is being asked will kulaks will find their man in students at Columbia carry democracy survive. \times G Ranga guns? Do eye-brows go up at guns? Do eve-brows go up at All this means that within the knowledge that Cohn-Benover the language Milan will rock to bombs, and Paris will be burnt by local rebels in a fashion that could not be emulated by the Nazis.

> In India alone will democracy's flag be kept high. We have better institutional precautions against a possible collapse of the structure. We have two of everything, national anthem, calendar, Congress and other parties. We cannot fail a

> > AGASTYA

-Odd Signs---

At a Jeweller's in Madras-Imitation our speciality.

At a cinema house in Bangalore:

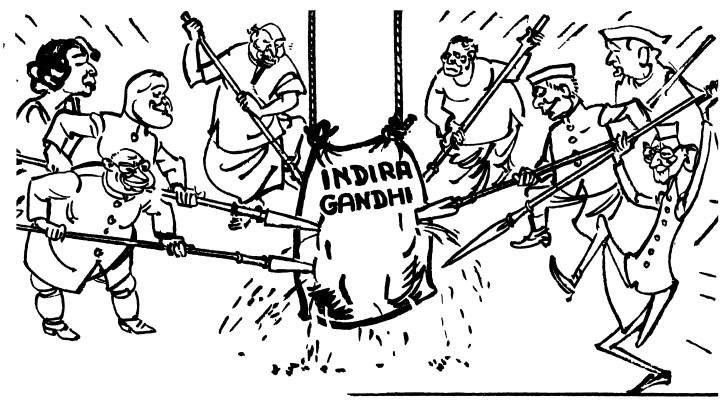
Ladies' tickets not valid for gents

At a "tutorial" college in Gun-

Cirls & English medium

should be factual and not invented and should as far as possible be in facsimile. Senders will receive two consecutive issues of the Weekly for every

Fun and fancy



The Syndicate kept up a treade against Mrs. India Gandhi at the

Almanac 1970

Ianuary

children Calls upon parents to quitting poverty quit poverty

Patil threatens agitation by ing Radio hails Patil Morari attacks Peking Radio

Cold wave in the capital Many dead. Mis Gandhi reminds the warm they have a March duty to the freezing Tarkeshwan Sinha threatens ag tatio i to seize ministers' warm clothing for distribution among the ill clad millions in the form of tmv shreds.

Shashi Bhushan demands an end to the talk about a Birla Enquiry, now that socialism was being achieved

February

Moiarii Desai demands immedute nationalisation of foreign boycott of foreign exchange Picketting and burning of travellers' cheques.

Desai of having obstructed fore- missed too 'jign banks' takeover as Finance

Minister Reaffirms faith in firms faith in the judiciary New April MRS GANDIII promises cess non-alignment. Chavan says Mo- Age highlights need for exten-

tion by the non-banking prole- broad masses must take up the Scotches speculation about midthe landless to seize land pek-ing Radio hails Patil Moraru counters Radio Peking hails but the application of Marxism- ger socialism Morarn Desar as a counter revo- Lemmism to our contemporary lutionary Patil denounces Ra- era of dio Peking

CPI begins the Long March (31 days) Demonstra-March (31 days) Demonstra- cal people's courts Judgments tion before bar councils and should be left to duly constitutin front of the houses of company lawyers "The Indian Revolution," says New Age, "has broken out at last. The ruling larisation of legal studies. Vete class is reeling." Agitation the unary colleges converted into maxed with Dange praying for a Supreme Court writ testra n ing the Enemy of the people from making them unhappy Torts cases filed simultaneously banks Nijalingappa calls for the in District and Sub-magistrates courts by CPI workers Petition in Supreme Court disnussed with costs Petitions in District Mrs Gandhi accuses Morarji and Sub-magistrates' courts dis-

CPI deplores judgment. Af- port Marxist satvagraha

for vitaminised follypops for tarji is preventing people from sive legal stringgle. "The first. Mis Gaudhi begins the month children. Calls upon parents to quitting poverty." Morarp Desar calls for agita- rial, "by default as it were. The was committed to socialism rassment Peasants should take them to quit poverty up the study of law, and argue cases among themselves, ple not to remind the govern-Long but there should be no anarchi- ment of the Bala Enquiry ed judges

Kerala Government announces crash programme for the popu- for bringing about socialism unary colleges converted into Calls for the immediate grant to law colleges

Marxists demand reconversion Picketing of law colleges announced

Jana Saugh denounces the conversion. "It is a nefamous take away from ailing cows and calves the existing medical facilities, which in themselves are madequate Jana Sangh to sup-

Announces cess to buy teddy proletarian embar- bears for children to persuade

Shashi Bhushin requests peo-

Patil organises landless Rotarians for seizure of land. The Lions' Club reluctant to join

Mis Gandhi announces cess

Nyalingappa denounces cess each citizen of a quilt, a bedstead, a transistorised radio, tape recorder hifi record player, medium-sized refrigerator, one gross bottles of after-shave lotions Kashini rugs a threeattempt,' says Organiser, "to reon that a people's car, free flights anywhere on Indian An lines

> Mis Candla promises for international flights (if the host countries agree), as-you picise

tas' and pyjamas to men, and Indian ocean base or something,' finally an Indian man-m-themoon programme

Jagjivan Ram, ' "But, savs this minimum programme can

Sharp rejoinder from the Orgamisation Congress We have no intention of tenouncing our programme says Patil "It alone can bring socialism to the the Union Home. Minis'ry set people Masam agrees with Patil

Mrs Gandhi calls on people not to lose hope, but to continue the struggle against the Syndicate

Delhi cabbies denounce Syndicate for sabotaging India's man on-the-moon programme

President Nixon calls histomans seminar on the possibilities. of troop reduction in Vict Name

Harold Wilson denounces Nr. xon Threatens to make a retapull-out from the UK

up Vict Nam bombing continnes being stepped up. Pause Nam bombing resumed

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An American Loundation of fers to help reconstruct Soviet plot Cultural Centre in Trivandrum External Allans Ministry silent

let any foreign power set up a soar Floor crossers hopeful

stay in luxury hotels people's cultural centre without prior cai, television sets channel-4, permission "After all," she says, necklaces and silver fur coats to "it is not something they can set women, Saville Row vests, 'Kin- up and not tell us. It is not an

Radio Peking claims, Neo-revisionist Namboodiripad had granted space to Russians for a missile base in Trivandrum "All not be implemented unless the the books of the Nanking Li Syndicate dissolves itself. The brary says commentator, quot-Syndicate is obstructing it." ing from the Thoughts, cannot hide the sinister face of a reactionary missile?

> up cultural centre in Trivanlegation

Ajoy Mukherjee goes on fast

Drought in Rajasthan Drought in Bihar, Orissa, Macalls upon drought-stricken people to quit drought Jaguvan Ram blames it all on the Syndicate

Inder Gujral signs pledge not quit drought. Minister substr- such as dutying public places hatory demand of an American aerated and numeral waters condemns conviction Offers as-Mrs Gandhi commends exam Viet Nam bombing stepped ple Quit Drought' cell formed they chose to come in Agriculture Ministry

in Vict Nam bombing. Vict the Prime Minister that many thousands of people, instigated by the Syndicate, are refusing to quit poverty. Mrs. Gandhi tells the nation of the sabotage

Prices soar Gabbies' convention pledges to pay any price for Mrs Candhi promises not to socialism. Prices continue



"Who do you choose to paint what capitalists cat, and thus retard socialism?

Aloy again on fast

Viet Nam bombing stepped up Pause in Vict Nam bombing Nixon talks of peace Nixon talks of pre-emptive strike Bombing resumed China announces slupment of five mil-Fron Red Books to Viet Nam to help Viet Namese freedom figh-

Fourth Plan on the rocks agam Prime Minister scotches Namboediripad accuses Kerala Tumours that the Planning Com-"It Government of wanting to let mission was being disbanded We can't do it anyway,'- says Gadgil 'It will add sizeably to drum Chief Minister refutes al- the numbers of the unemploy

Rich getting richer complains Mrs. Gandhi, because of sabotours refusing to quit poverty Calls on progressives to cover then carpets with cheap rugs dhya Pradesh Mrs Gandhi and camouflage an conditioners and imported cars, to avoid conspicuous consumption

September

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Shashi Bhushan reminds peo-Home Mine ry note informs ple that the need of the hom is to forget the Bula Enguny

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Hungay ichabilitates Inne Nagy, and posthumously names him envoy to Moscow

October

on Poverty Foreign hand behind people not quitting poverty, says Home Minister Dange endorses quit poverty call Revolt in CP1 Members demand they must be allowed to become trade unionists or peace partisans to quit poverty Rebels ex-

CPM condemns quit poverty companies White Paper But pledges cond tional support to Mrs. Gandhi "We support any government," says the spokesman "which will not ban us. It is our minimum programme to help relieve the people's distress?

November

Student umest Mrs Gandhi assures students she is trying to 'fill in' the generation gap Promises to replace the present eleven-year schooling with a fifty-

year course so that no one will ever be unemployed

· SSP merges with the Syndi-

Dange petitions Supreme Court against poverty Krishnag Menon to appear for petitioner Soviet legal journal praises the Indian legal road to socialism.

Apply on fast Apply on last agam Ajoy misses three meals at one mealtime

Gackwad redefects. Mrs. Gandhi announces plan to convert privy puises into plain pursess and let the princes have it Sviidicate demands the abolition of all purses, vamty bags etc. Gaekwad re-re-defects

Kerala Munstry falls Muslim Leaguer heads new ministry CPI joins ministry, Dange welcomes the new nunistry as a right step in the direction of social sm, and a continuator of the United Front ministry Muss lm League Chief Minister repudiates CPI support CPI to continue in Ministry

Bombing pause in Viet Nam

Mrs Gandhi calls AICC session to consider ways and means of defining socialism

December

Mis Gandhi says socialism may be defined in our lifetime Amounces cess to help the definition of socialism

Tarkeswari Sinha Jorins Syndicate Navalite group Found . prowling about among the bushes in Moghul Gardens, wearing khaki shorts and camouffage kint wear. Faces Press photographer, and is shot at close Chavan presents White Paper range for a foreign Press agen-

> Rich getting richer Gandhi says socialism has been achieved. Now all that was needed was to define it

Defections from the Prime Minister's group in parliament.

Mrs Gandhi nationalises taxi

Defections continue

Both Syndicate and Indira wings claim majority Confusion . in the capital

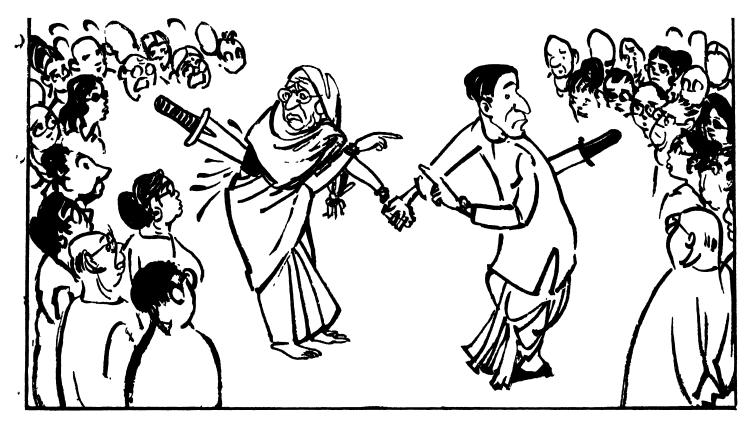
The State Department suggests a two-India theory

Soviet Communist Party says Hans Ray Gupta is the symbol of Indian socialism.

Aloys goes on fast

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The result of collaboration



Both Ajoy Mukhern and Jyoti Basu have been finding fault with each other

Ahmedabad-A Confidential Report

Dear Editor,

are, to quote you, "strring only it would be two melas passed here in contrast to the blame it As anyone with the atmes," and one should speak instead of one You were quite hot air of the radicalism of meanest intelligence can see, expense account that I shall all Man and boy, I have been yet, but I can tell you that want to make out that the reporting on Congress sessions for over thirty years! I may not have been present at Surat when, as you never tire of boa sting, the shoe that flew to the dais barely grazed your rather prominent nose, but I was present at both Haripura and Tripuri Congresses. And as a battlescarred veteran, I told you before I left for Gujarat that the

Congress pass certain items of the frugal moments you will no doubt regiet having said Anyway, I from it submit to you at the end of it do not know about Bombay later

You squelched me but brought it up just to be gress? In other words, you have with a look of infinite con- able to work up its metaphon- to make up your pund first As a reporter, I know my tempt You told me that the cal possibilities I myself whether you want to praise the place, which is at the receiv- Congress having split beyond thought of things like the Ahmedabad Congress or damning end of your well-shod foot, redemption, the Ahmedabad Syndicate's "dusty answer" to it having done that and if the and normally I shouldn't dare session would be quite differ the Indicate and-in a contrast effort has not exhausted you cross swords with you even in ent I told you that if I knew ing mood of sympathy for the a confidential report meant my Congress, split or whole it Syndicate—of the 'earthbuess' addition make up your mind on only for your eyes. But these would be the same old mela—of realism of the resolutions what you want to praise it or the truth as one sees it, though cross with me and said things the Bombay Congress But then it may mean that you may not about me that in your calmer not being too sure what your line was going to be, I desisted

The point is this Ahmedabad was no different Ahmedabad Congress was try from the past except for one mg to outdo the other Con-what is not applicable) You detail to which I shall come gress in radical posturing or do can do the same thing for you want to make it out that Bombay also somewhat in the You must have noticed how it is sold to the monopolists, manner of the master editorials the uninventive reporters of the compradore capitalists and expressing the whole spectrum daily Press have made a great kulaks and the rest? Contrary- of views that we once helpfully to-do about the "dust haze" at wise, do you want to praise wrote out for distribution by Ahmedabad I could have told the Ahmedabad Congress for AIR - at dictation speed—to these babies that there never its pragmatism in contrast to small newspapers was yet a Congress session that the other Congress, or, for its. At least as far as Ahmeda-Ahmedabad session would be did not provide you with a sub-real and genuine radicalism as bad is concerned, the proceed-just another session and you stantial diet of dust. But may-contrasted with the spurious mgs did in the characteristic cannot tell it from any other be, these chaps knew about it radicalism of the other Con-Congress tashion, lend them-

into a swoon you should in addition make up your mind on there are four possibilities open to one Praise or blame for (1) radicalism, (2) recklessness, (3) pragmatism (4) Do vou reactionary perpetuation of the status quo (As they say in government forms, score off

selves to such a treatment. This need and fulfilment takes timuity with the past in everycrowds, and the traffic jam the is a fling, in fact radicals and the sober elements, those who make promis-Bharat And I will stake my reis right soon enough

There of course, were some variations from the past routine For one thing, the obsession with what Mrs Candbi did and said has no parallel this was only to be expected sion it provides for catharsis. Gandhi's personality

this was a therapeutic necessity, and I would risk the prewith anything in the past Well, diction that now that they have got it all off their chest and Congress session is the ocea- will be less hag-ridden by Mis

I am aware there was God's own plenty to different forms for different theory holding the field that is not au fait with the recent choose from for presenting people The vast crowds that the well-orchestrated denigra-, history of the Congress—say, your particular view of the pre- come for these sessions—and tron of Mrs. Candhi is no the proverbial man from the dominant note of the session, there is no need to dispute the working off of an accumulated Mars-to tell me the difference This all inclusiveness is what claims made of the vastness of sense of injury but a deliberate between the Ahmedabad Conhas made the Congress a great the crowds—come in part out attempt at destroying an gress and the other Congressels force for stability in the coun- of curiosity and in part for the image. This theory assumes of the past and the forthcomtry. If the Ahmedabad session same reason that makes them that the only asset of any ing Bombay Congress. "Plus has restored (if it had ever go to Puri for the car festival, value that the other faction has ca change plus c'est la meme been lost!) one's faith in the oi to Allahabad for the Khum- is the charisma of the PM and chose, as you say when you country, it is due to this con bh mela. It is part pilgrinage, once it is battered beyond re- try to show off part release from dreary rou demption, other successes with thing connected with the sestime, a holiday from all the the people, especially at the sion-the dust, the muddle the obligations of everyday life. It polls, will be automatic. On reflection I am convinced that this theory is wrong, and not So much for the populace merely for the reason that such es and those who counsel mo- For the Netas the purgation a tactic may backfire and deration-why, it is a little takes other forms. On this oc- arouse the public sympathy for microcosm of India that is casion, it is easy enough to see the PM among the very peowhat form it had to take For ple whom the Syndicate wants putation as a veteran Congress the first time in months, the to distillusion or shake out of reporter that Bombay will be Syndicate had a sympathetic neutral tolerance. Two can the same Well, I hear you audience to whom it could play at this game of image tar- to re-mould the Congress Party growling even a thousand nules pour out its resentment about hishing, and a tarnished image away, but we should know who the way it had been treated can be burnished by others. At by the other faction. No won- Bombay, I am quite sure, great TUST like the potter at his der they let themselves go and play will be made of the un I am sure they feel all the chivalrous and ungentlemanly She'll mould a party new better for it I am sure that attacks on a brave lady, and the Bombay crowds — the cousins of the Ahmedabad There's not much of a clue, crowds-will go convinced of For it requires more than grit the wickedness of the old men In struggles still to come, of the Syndicate that could Or she'll produce a Tweedledee A basic justification of any been applieded for it, they use such language of a woman. To the old Tweedledum!

But barring this special cir

of the other cumstance, I dare anyone who destroying an gress and the other Congresses

> Yours abjectly, Veteran Congress reporter

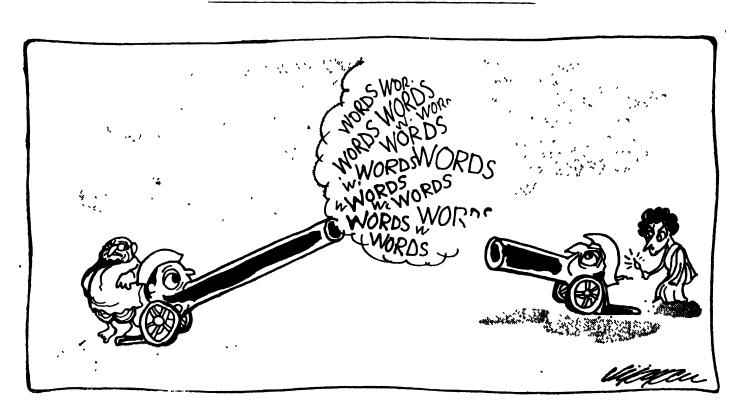
> > JASON

Not just pottering about we hope!

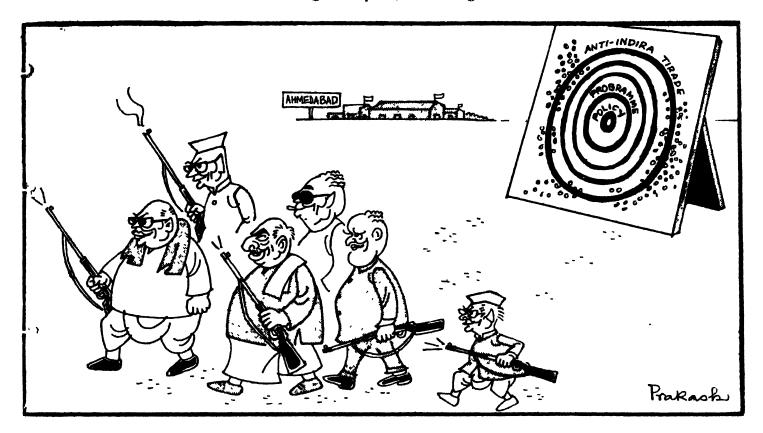
(Mrs Gandhi is now secking -News item)

But what its future shape will

LEONORA



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Small Talk

the following picture of the Lok Cobha It is based on small talk foreign power," they declared at cocktail parties with editors ledgeable persons

at the Parliament canteen during sessions and at half-rates during off-sessions, plus free rides on all nationalised bus services, plus free shows of uncensored has no party has a whip Memrs are allowed to vote accordcience

be eyes of the public, it was in 1967 and was still going on would not avail themselves of it effective will be the mobilisation

want or be beholden to any Government spokesman would

political correspondents, colum- than pointed out the high cost lisin So in anticipation of the He said the measure would furnists and other highly know- of political activity these days bad day, he had stopped taking their convince the people about Formerly, a M.P. had to make a the privy purse into account the fraudulent nature of the The Prime Minister's aversion financial contribution only to his while framing his domestic budto a coalition being well known, party and it was a relatively get and had been perpetually in light the fact that the Constitutione was no formal alliance small sum. Now he had to pay the red So twenty rupees extra tion needed to be scrapped. He between the ruling party and to both the groups because he a day was some consolation any other But there are areas did not naturally like to burn his tions with them

A former Prince who left the ng to the dictates of their conSwtantra Party to join the julSSP vehemently opposed the tering Parliament as a hobby
cience ing party but returned ultimatemove and walked out of the were over and how the common From the ruling party, Chau- ly to the ruling party (opposi- House But before doing so, its people were now devoting their hir Randhii Singh and others tion) gave a pathetic picture of leader, Arjun Singh Bahaduna, full time to political work Seongratulated the Government his position His privy purse was warned Government not to be condly Parhamentary work to its robust realism Instead of not much, less than Rs 5 lakhs, under the mistaken impression them was only a part of the IPs seeking such concessions but the talk of its abolition was that because they were oppospolitical activity. Therefore, the and making themselves cheap in getting on his nerves. It started ed to the extra amenities they greater the amenities the more

LOOKING ahead into 1972—or better Government came for Every now and then some en- Far from it They would not let earlier if a mid-term election becomes necessary—I have don't like our MP's to be in a resolution or a Bill and the that money agree with him that privy pur- tant faction of the Marxist Party Another member from Rajas- ses were antithetical to socia- took an almost identical attitude

of agreement For instance, if it boats Similarly, in the constitution one of princely origin, guige the grave of the bound a question of raising MPs ency he had to keep in good could be expected to eat in the geois-compilator system. As for daily allowance to Rs 71 (tax humour not only the MLAs of spartan surroundings of the the extra money it was always freely plus free lunch and dinner his group but those of the other. Parliament canteen. Why can't welcome as an additional source faction also It was a different the same concession be extend- of assistance to the revolutionary matter he denounced them in (d to State-run hotels like the cause statements and they returned Ashoka? The MPs will then be the compliment. But that did not able to appreciate better the CPI put a different construction mean he could cut off all rela- working of these. State enter- on the subject. Its leader explain-

The spokesman of the miliparliamentary system and high-light the fact that the Constituwould meanwhile rejoice that As for free meals, no MP, the ruling class itself was dig-

The pro-Dange section of the ed how the days of big busi-The Raj Narain group of the nessmen, princes and others ento the Rukai faction of the louds, the monopolists and the urgent social change and said Leela Roy group of the Subhasist Forward Bloc voted for the measure The Forward Bloc PARLIAMENT (Marxist) M.P. belonging to the Dum Dum group walked out Of the Independents the nominated members were in favour while the others said they did PARLIAMENTARY not want to commit themselves

To sum up, there were more aves" than "noes when the Bill was put to the vote and passed unidst acclamation

But this did not mean the Government enjoyed such a comfortable majority A resolution urging that the U.S. be asked to give up Okmawa complete. ly without having a military base SSP factions, the Forward asking for the return of the Kurile islands to Japan (from Russia) was supported by the not split three Swatantra groups, the ruling party (opposition) the nonthe Bihar members of the BKD The three CPI factions, two SSP groups, all the Forward Blocs the whole team of two RSP members and some Independents opposed it. The three groups in the Marxist Party remained neutral

Dange group of the CPI, the economic situation, there was a gress Party (Opposition) said it forward there was no progress Madlin Limaye section of the general consensus in favour of a was in favour of radical reforms for the country. She announced SSP and the Orissa members of time-bound programme. The in all sectors of the economy, the formation of 24 committees the PSP remained neutral. So Dange section of the CPI said abolition of privy purses, reduc- of the House to study the differdid the Trivandrum MP of the it was not extending uncondition-tion of economic disparaties, in- ent- aspects of - the economic ISP. The Calcut member of al support to the Government crease in production, etc. ISP, the Bengal MPs of the even though its main enemies. The Prime Minister agreed mendations RSP and the member belonging were the Syndicate, the big land- with members on the need for

situation and make their recom

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A taxing time

he is a victim of more than the in the Opposition, cannot be usual circumstances. He is allowed to plead innocent Adcaught in the clash of the two ditionally they sought to revive rival Congresses and being the the controversy on Mr. Kanti president-elect of one, the other Desars tax returns as well, but had been let off without any pe is out for his blood. The Lok Mr. Desar as usual could deny Sabha discussion at the fag end, all that of the winter session and that too sitting overtime on Mr on it was supported by all the tax returns therefore acquired eight Communist groups, three partisan overtones which it is doubtful would have been the Bloc the BSP and some Inde- case in the 'normal' circumstanpendents But another resolution ces if Mi Morari Desai had continued to be the Finance Minister and the Congress had

> Which was evident from Mr sounded more eager to absolve himself of any blame for overlooking Mr Jagjiyan Ram's

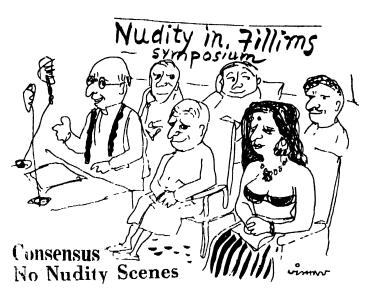
reputa- trying to pinpoint was that Mr tions are as a rule unstable. Desai because he has lost his

Ram's income tax—and wealth further and put the issue in laiger perspective by recalling tion, particularly the way Mi that the list of Ministers who had defaulted in filing then income tax returns was quite exhaustive and included not a few ex-Ministers as well who by the debate that recriminations are now in the Cong (O) could be exchanged on a very The names of Asoka Mehta, big scale and there is little that Ram Subhag Singh, S. K. Patil, can be kept under the lid now Curupadaswamy etc. have been Orissa members of the PSP and Desars own speech wherein he mentioned. To this was added the information supplied by the Minister of State for Finance Mr Sethi that as many as 350 lapses for ten years. What sev- MPs also either did not file their eral Congress. Members and returns or delayed filing them Members in the Opposition The effect of Mr Sethi's state-from parties like the Comment was immediate It looked numers and the DMK were Mr Jagiyan Ram had been forgotten for the time and all the uproar was directed at the Minister for having allegedly defamed the Members. The demand raised by many to expunge the remarks of Mr Sethi or alternatively place the whole list on the table of the House seemed to underscore that the instinct of self-preservation was gette strong Mr S S Kothan of the Jana Sangh who had risen several times in his seat to interrupt Mr. Salve made the interesting point that it was the duty of the Income Tax Department to send notices to cach Member, though the Jana Sangh and the Swatantra and the Congress Opposition are not plainly willing to give the same benefit of doubt to Mr Jagjivan

Another information volunteer-

ed by Mr. Sethi was that a num ber of others including some be-13 Mr Jaguvan Rain finds that Munistership and found his seat longing to the big business in Ahmedabad or elsewhere who had been at fault like Mr Jagpvan Ram, not having filed their neturns for seven or eight years nalty during the tenure of M Morarii Desar himself. This is not to say that these side con-The DMK spokesman went troversies would help Mr Jagu van Ram to redeem his reputa Salve was put up by the Congress Party to defend hun on legal points But the conclusion was driven home quite sharply could be exchanged on a very The skeletons in the Congress cupboard have begun to fall out one after the other

> The effect of this rivalry on the House has also been demon stratively felt as in the course of Wednesday's debate But trading abuses and challenging each other on the floor have not been confined to the two Congresses only Mi Jharkande Rai's (CPJ) clash with a Congress member clearly showed that patience was wearing thin and provocat tions would be resented. In the light of the ugly madents in the House on Monday when a SSP Member and a CPM Member had come to almost exchanging blows, it was a grim pointer The Chair in such cases is helpless to regulate the proceedings, which in any case are increasingly becoming unintelligible in the din of shout ing and frequent interruptions by several Members standing up at the same time



Im so happy we all feel the same way about it"

ABSENTFE GALLERYMAN

Hundred egg(head)s in a basket

IF the idea of the organisers ing abstrusely and publicising of the requisitioned AICC themselves as setters of pace pose has been defeated

Census Although figures about intellectuals as a distinct class have never been collected, it has been estimated that on the basis of one egg-head for every five hundred of the rities and the Akademis The population of the cities, and this is a very conservative intellectuals makes them sing-calculation, there are 40,000 of ger, blow superior smokenings them in the country By singling out only 100 for the honour coffee of participation in the deliberations at Bombay, as many as 39,900 sensitive persons have been slighted. This disgruntled majority can hardly be expected to lend any support, vocal or written, to the so-styled progressive thinking of the requisitionists. In fact, it should surprise no one if all these people discriminated against so thoughtlessly, turn positively hostile

Many questions arise Firstly, what is the yard-stick for judging who is an intellectual and who is not? If one may be pardoned for striking a personal note, there are many who consider me to be quite a cerebial chap I know this, because at the discussions we have in our coffee house, they listen to me when I express my views on cultural and political matters and they refute these vocafer-ously If I was not an intellectual they would never bother to contradict me but would merely light another cigarette or order another cup 1 am a member of a film society and see avant garde pictures about which I talk in terms of technique, montage and trends I have read 'Lohta', Tiopic of Cancer, Lady Chatterley and other modern masterpieces I shrug my shoulders cynically and am quite caustic when anyone mentions best-sellers and book-of-the-month authors. I am in favour of kassing in the cinema and outside. And am generally broke. How else does one know an intellectual?

I have not yet seen the names of the hundred chosen people, but it is obvious that they will the the ones who go about talk-

meeting at Bombay in asking and innovators of new styles a hundred intellectuals to and schools, unorthodox and attend as special mystes was to irreverant in their public stance involve the intelligentsia and while all the time looking for enlist their goodwill, let it be recognition by those in authosaid straightaway that this pur- rity. But it is those who nurse then tortured souls in silence and go without Padma Shris, who regard themselves as the true intellectuals. They disown and repudiate those who are sought after by the authovery mention of recognised intellectuals makes them singand call for the fifth black

All right you have gone and invited this one-sixth of a Light Brigade Good luck to you and to them But if you think that these good people will contribute any agreed solution to the nation's numcious ills, you are going to be disappointed It is one of the unwritten regulations in the code of intellectuals that no one among them thinks anything of another Put three egg-heads on a committee and you will get three disserting reports, that is if the team has not broken up after the first meeting Being an intellectual is essentially a one-man busiso to speak

to try to divide them because they are always divided If you Economists will tear each ferences find that two of them agree on other's theories to shreds. Two

In Santa's mail bag

MY royal turban's plan - something Distinctive there should be Send me a feather long and white Yours - The Gackwad of B

I love animals, Santa dear So remember me when A pair of bullecks they allot --Old Congress President N

Lvc made my stocking large and wide So you could easily Shp my old portfolio -Still hopeful — Morarji D.

To have two things at a time Would do one no great harm, So keep my place in the Cabinet -Neu Congress President J Ram

They never took my TV hint Harold's so mggardly, Warm his heart, cadge us a rise -Yours Phillip, Duke of L.

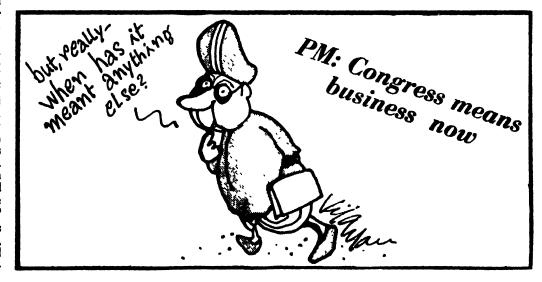
You're the chap for muacles Then please do something, quick, Get me out of Viet-Nam Yours battered uncle Dick

anything, you can be sure that painters thrown together will months or sport beards on their face

one of them is not an intellec- go for each other with their tual-even if both of them brushes and easels-and fling haven't had a hair-ent for pots of paint in the other's

It is good to have intellec-There are few things in life tuals around, for they are the whether writer, painter or poet as entertaining or enlightening salt of the earth. They write as asking one intellectual what the books, which we borrow ness, an owner-driven mind, he thinks of another proclaim- from the library and paint the ed intellectual. Watch poets on pictures which make its scratch Every Authority learns to the dais at any symposium our heads and provide a liveli-divide and rule. In the case of You will not catch them utter- hood for the critics-but it is egg-heads you don't need even ing one word of praise for a best to leave them alone and fellow practitioners verses not cart them around to con-

HARAI.



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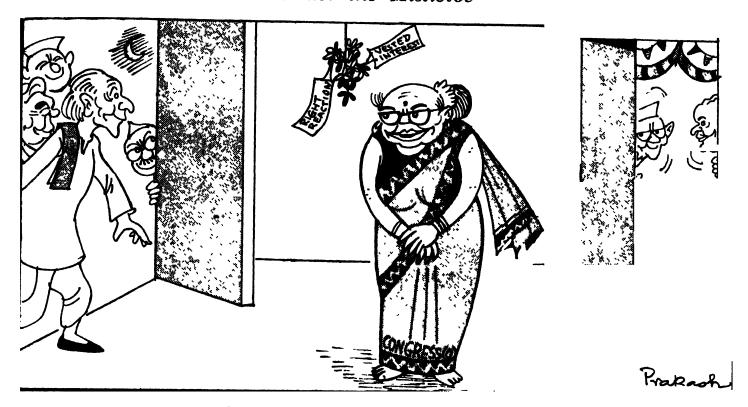
of Time



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Under the Mistletoe



Mr Nijalingappa has appealed to ex-Congressmen to join his party

The Fountain-pen

AS a school-boy in the copybook stage, I wrote with adjunct. All the time our adjunct All the time our adjunct All the time our adjunct All the time our adjunct. All the time our adjunct All the time our adjunct All the time our adjunct All the time our adjunct. All the time our adjunct All the time our progression and black Indian ink. Though a daily task, copybook writing was a pleasurable occupation. The soft scrape of the replacement of the decupation. The soft scrape of pendent holder by what was the first known as the Independent and is now known as the Independent and is now known as the Fountain-pen. This atrocal cleightfully comminged with his snores. I can still vividly recall that day I neatly inscribed "A folling stone gathers to moss." I couldn't for the called this wicked engine an instance of the sales and with the adjunct and write sales and with this despotic, dictatorial, and destructive field playing havoc with us? We have landed on the moon, but this occupation is responsible on the moon, but this other courses I have in night for the development of the decounters are long for the substitute and examination people makes me long for the scripts with a ball-pen. So the ourselves free and civilized with this despotic, dictatorial, and destructive field playing havoc with us? We have landed on the moon, but this counters till stays landed on the moon is Cheap, the other, Costly Both look smart and we must be its dumb and fetching and tempting driven cattle Please! Now the motto Never work for know what you are on pins to the motto Never work for the don't try to interrupt me. I have no idea who first the first know and the fountaination of the decuption of the decuption of the scripts with a ball-pen. So the ball-pen's out And the fountain-pen's make read-pen's out and examination people makes me long for the ourselves free and civilized with this despotic, dictatorial, and destructive field provided the pendent and examination people makes me long for the ourselves free and civilized the ball-p moss, and what was there so an ink-stand as the old holder incedu't be the slaves of the all all the time. That's shown important about moss. Indeed, was, but it is certainly dependent stone any stone that kept clear of dent upon ink. What's it withfor an aunt of mine once slipped over a moss-covered stone slab and broke her ankle. After the reed-pen came the holder with the mb. This affair was independent upon the ink-stand as the old holder needn't be the slaves of the all all the time. That's shown to an ink-stand as the old holder needn't be the slaves of the all all the time. That's shown up as false and foolish by the fountain-pen. It has been to be condition. Its refills get and broke her ankle. After the reed-pen came the holder with the mb. This affair was dependent upon the ink-stand as the old holder needn't be the slaves of the all all the time. That's shown up as false and foolish by the fountain-pen. It has been to be long all the people all the time ever since its appearance on the human scene. People dried up Its point ups up as false and foolish by the fountain-pen. It has been to be long all the time of the slaves of the all all the time. That's shown up as false and foolish by the fountain-pen as false and foolish by the fountain-pen as false and foolish by the fountain-pen as false and foolish by the standard pen as false and foolish by the fountain-pen as false and foolish by the fountai

no moss." I couldn't for the called this wicked engine an fling at me. You is the thing to platitude runs that you can fool life of me understand why any independent and why. It point out to me the ball-point some all the time, and all for stone should want to gather may not be dependent upon pen or the ball-pen. We some time, but you cannot fool moss, and what was there so an ink-stand as the old holder needn't be the slaves of the all all the time. That's shown and resulted in a lot of mess, and has never been known to and its point either stays inside is guaranteed to be leak-proof

Our school-clerk had it always care two hoots for its owner? it or outside. When it stays leaking is one it its most sacred fixed on his right ear. The And perhaps it has been outside and you fix it to your missions. It is guaranteed to best way to put him out of christened a fountain-pen be-pocket, its contents stain your move effortlessly and smoothly action and even circulation was cause it sprays misery and woe labric in a most ugly manner on paper it buries its point

makes a laughing-stock of you tempt, but futile his optics on the mb. He looks at tongue and lips and savouring discovery of the earth's gravity then nothing puzzled vesed. He gives a ink-bottle. Where's the ink-concerted sigh-

Jinto your paper and leaves you the pen, the way a doctor treats the Law of the Ink-bottle is to your fretting and fuming It his thermometer. A fresh at that it can never be found Then the when it is most wanted The it was new. How can you There's no funner spectacle scribbler experiences the stu-penman needs the ink-bottle think it will work when rethan that of a man struggling pendons impact of a terrific re-soiely, he finds the world short panied! Wasting good money and sweating to write with a alization. This pen has run of ink-bottles. The great ink-after bad things, that's what" tountain-pen. He whips his out of its ink" he thinks. He bottle hunt begins. The penfountain-pen out of his pocket cleans the mb with his slint-man, his wife, his kids, his with my nails. Let
He unserews the cap and and soils the shirt-end maid—all are involved in this that new ink-bottle."

The penwith man and and soils the shirt-end maid—all are involved in this that new ink-bottle."

The penwith man and and soils the shirt-end maid—all are involved in this that new ink-bottle." puts the pen to paper and pro-trivance. The pen is a self-another, they trip over one an- vanished ceeds to write No results filler, don't you know. Not a other, they overturn vases and Just a dry scratch. The man drop comes out of the inb-end decorative, pieces and articles lifts up the pen. He focuses Ye the pen has no nik inside of furniture, the adults ex-This wonderful discovery change incinerating words, the gul cries out in the midst of it surprised. He licks the point lends to the dial of the pen-children receive, smacks. A of the mb thus blueng his man the sort of expression the wild whill and a deafening din "Papal Here's the ink-bottle!" a the mk and tries again Now must have lent to Newton's small girl screams. A small The little gul tries to snatch a very faint first, letter and to mk. So? The self-filler crowd gathers, round the tri- away the bottle from the child The writer is must establish contact with the umphantly held up object series of tremendous, flicks to bottle? What may be called good of it? the honourable papa vaps 'Don't you see it's empty, you idiot?' But the line of action is now clear. A new ink-bottle must be ordered The eldest boy dashes off to the nearest shop, buys it, and brings it home Nice bottle Royal blue mk Lets fill the self filler Guir Where the dickens has that pen gone? And man, suddenly breaking into a here the Law of the Pen is that the moment the full inkbottle appears, the pen dis-that crash, the fountain-pen appears. Unfortunately, in the left his numbed hand and fell, present scheme of the universe, inb foremost, on to his right the prime essential in the foot matter of filling up a fountainpen with ink is the fountampen itself The posture of affairs is maddening

"Where's that bloody now?" the penman bellows hke a mad bull

'You had it in your hand,' his wife tells him

"Who took it from me? Come on, who took it from me?

Silence And the great penhunt is on Alter a stupendous hustle and bustle and jostle and tussle, and hurry and and worry and flurry the penman surrenders his bulk to a chair in a somewhat dark corner of his study in deep despair and shoots up the next instant, a sharp point having dug into his stern fountain-pen There it was all the time, and mone of those morons could find it.

The nib-point's runed," the wife exclaims

"Quiet!" the husband roars "You can't use that pen! You sat on it!"

on that blasted chair

"You ought to have known. You put it there

"Ill get it repaired."

"It never worked even when

"Well, I'll correct the point with my nails Let me have

The new ink-bottle has Now a third hunt starts and ends in confusion and sighs and groans and tears

"There's the bottle!" the little all, "In little brother's hands! He's sucking at its mouth!"

"Hoy!" thunders the father There's a violent struggle The "What's the child shies the bottle at the alarm-piece on the wooden stand 1 The bottle and the time-keeper crash down on the floor to die untimely and messy and splintery deaths 'Children!" shouts the mother

"Don't go there The glass will get into your feet. Start clearing it all up, maid!"

"Oooooh!" whites the pen-Central African frenzied dance Consequent to the shock of

Can there never be a really good fountain-pen, you wonder There can be Somewhere, some tune, there's some faint possibility of a fountain-pen likely to do some tiny bit of work for man How is one to recognize this pen for a good pen? There are three tests

- 1 It will be borrowed never to be returned
- 2 It will be packed off one's pocket
- It will be forgotten some-

Yet listen

Fountain-pen! Fountain-pen! What fools you make of men! No strangers to your wiles,

They welcome you with smiles.

Here's a sage and skilful composition

To save them from your cruel persecution. Yet they'll be off to the shop

with a lot of money, "I didn't know it was there . As if they were auts, and you a pot of honey.

M. A. MAZMUDAR

If you are young, married and have very little money, read this. Now.



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Curse of the King Cobra

THE full moon node the saw the steeple of the Prote- arms wasted ammo on tins and stant Church bathed in silvery bottles," said Rutty putting a light. He was seated at a mai- recalcitrant curl in its place ble topped table with his two "I saw so many books in your friends. The alfresco dinner book-cases on wild game and was long over. Steaming hot firearms." cups of coffee leered at him The white-pillared frontage of shikar but a king cobia changthe imposing bungalow was a ed my life backdrop, and bushes of roses and magnohas stretched before in your sitting-room? Did you

his eyes "I read your reviews in different papers and magazines," said Rutty. She was dressed in a bright red san and a silver the study of religions

You review of The Three lewels' was illuminating helped me to understand Buddhism," commented Behram life lighting an expensive eigai

fan aristocratic face was sad The lines on his forehead, which he called, Autograph of Father Time, looked like splintered rays of the moon glark frame of his bi-focals gave a scholarly air to a haughty, almost defiant head

"The other day I read vour story in a London magazine," said Behram twirling his wal-rus monstache and looking at we've passed the stage of apthe red end of the cigar
"Which one"

"Tiger, Tiger, Burning Bright," said Behram You seem to know a lot about wild game and firearms

"Why do you qualify your statement with 'seem'?" said Jehangir with a mock-smile on his lips

"Do you have firearms now" chirped in Rutty, her fair round face framed with near-silver hair which looked like an aura round her head

"No." "No?" inquired Rutty, her tapering fingers crading the coffee cup.

"Not since I was fifteen" "Did you bag a tiger?" asked *Behram straightening his dark blue tie

"No. I hate taking life."

"You're a bundle of contradictions," commented Behram, making vain efforts to light a dead cigar.

"Perhaps you practised shooting on empty cans and beer bottles," mocked Rutty.
"You're right."

'So you who are so very starry heavens. Jehangir fond of wild game and five-

"I still love firearms and

What about the tiger skins buy them?" asked Behram unkındly

'No My mother's cousin had shot over a hundred tigers

"Then what has happened? 'You seem to revel in Have you lost your nerve?' Or is it the influence of studying Jamism and Buddhism? asked It Behram

"A king cobra—changed my

"I've so often heard, but I've Jehangu wanly smiled. His never believed that dying animals curse the hunters," said Behram cymcally

"I only know of king cobias curse'

"Really" asked Rutty "Yes

"Did you shoot it?" asked Behram

'No I killed it with my bare

preciating Hans Andersen, chirped Rutty

'And yet a true fairy tale, Rutty

"Let's hear it," demanded Behram still fiddling with his

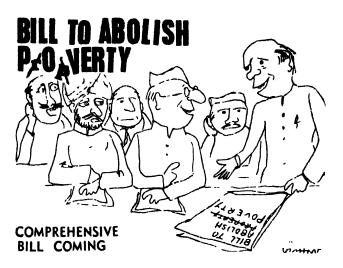
cigar and Ronson
"I loved fileaims from my early days My relatives had shot tigers and other wild game Tigers' skins and claws poured into our homes every year I was a first class shot I longed to join my people but they were deaf to my entrea-They said it was too ties risky

"Is shooting from a machhan risky?" asked Behram

Of course, it is A tiger can easily jump twelve feet," said Jehangir. "Of course, I always accompanied them. A few tents were pitched beside a running brook. Servants prepared hot meals But when my relatives and beaters left for the interior of the forest, I was left at the camp in charge of servants'

"Hard on you, Jehangir, sympathised Rutty.

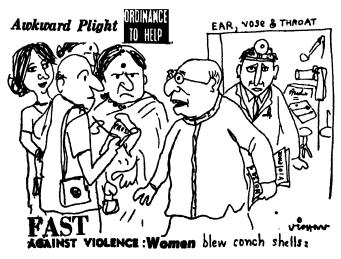
"It was all for the best," said



We amended it slightly to ensure smooth passage and avoid a bitter controversy



"We have the very thing for you, Sir"



"An ordinance will be promulgated hanning women from blowing conch-shells in my ears which is another reprehensible form of violence'

friend

Did they bring for the table? asked Rutty

Yes vald fowl decr sambar chital wild boar

when your relatives left for slukar* asked Belnam

No. It happened this way sud Jehangu, his face again. looking clouded with sadness "One day I went alone taking my Remnigton. On the side of Sat of it?' put in Rutty excithe lake was a high cliff topp- tedly ed with an ancient Jam tem ple I moved to the rear side baunted nor did the king times stranger than fiction,' exof the temple where the course cobra come out of it' try was thickly wooded I was in search of wild fowl Through the thick foliage I saw

would have been out and our a few feet it took a right angle Johanga would have been in The interior was dark A gaiand we'd have missed a loyal gantuan spiders, web blocked my path. It glared at me with from cloth covered his loins. He anything its baleful eyes. I had to come out

- It wasn't your lucky day You should have first consult- bare shoulder. I stood transfix-Now where did the king od an astrologer, Jehangu " cobra encounter you? Was it ventured Behrain

I saw a huge jambour tree field Behram glistening with large purple went there

Was the jambour tree hauntcd? Did the king cobra come

Neither the tree was \0

happened?" 'Then what urged Behram

a cave. I went there and saw the cave. A sadhu sat outside answered to inv unasked quesits wide open month the month of the cave. Weren't you afraid?" asked in a state of samadhi the mouth of the cave. He was tion His hands folded together. His eyes What was there to be afraid closed. His face in ecstasy. It of? I threw a few pebbles into was a surprise. For the hill stathe cave, but no wild animal tion was always crowded with came out So I moved in The Jain sadhus undergoing sever-

Behram, "perhaps the tiger going was not straight After est penances to reach Niivana But this one was different

"How?' interposed Rutty "A personality A clean safhad a white flowing beard and a white monstache. His long

white hair cascaded over his

'What happened then?' que-

In a few minutes the sadhu berries on the other side. I opened his eyes and simled at me. He asked me to sit down before him but my surprise knew no end"

"Surpused" ejaculated Rutty "He spoke in *English*"

Really? Facts are someclaimed Behram

"I nearly jumped out of my skin when he told me that he "I saw another entrance to had been expecting me. He

> 'We who have renounced our life, we who have mastered the baneful influence of Maya and Mind have a way of knowing things"

"What an encounter!" asserted Behram

"The sadhu looked at my Remington' said Jehangn 'and asked me sternly to throw it away

Jehangir filled another cup of steaming coffee and resumed, 'I 'stammered out, 'why,

"He asked me, 'What right umbrellas" have you to take life?' then he life into this earth?"

A frightening experience," comforted Rutty

my Remington was gall and discomfiture, the sadhu con-

day, you wantonly killed a king cobra

Inn 'How did you know it, touch a gun or a bottle, su' But the sadhu ignored my "Indeed, you've kept query and went on, 'Do you know, son, that the dying king life? For thirty long years all quired Behram. your efforts will come to nought'"

years!" exclaimed expectantly. "Thirty Rutty.

the cobra's, I told him. My cousin and I shinned up the steep bare rock, then we came "Poor Jehangir!" they both to a 12" ledge where we stood exclaimed with sympathy for a breather Our knees and

fingers were bleeding. My cousin started singing Tipperary' and I joined her. All of a sudden, a king cobra's head popped out of a small hole

near my right toc .
"Did you seream?" inquired! Rutty, who hated reptiles

No, I was equal to the occasion. I just pushed my toe at its neck," Johangu explained latching up his trousers, 'to prevent its tangs from biting me to death I pushed deeper and deeper Its hood shrunk for bood is nothing else but & dilated neck. I took out a small bundle of thick string from my jacket pocket and made a slip knot

"Why did you keep a bundle of string with you?" asked Behrain taking out a 555 from his sterling silver cigarette-case as he had enough of the eigars

"I always kept a bundle of string with me. One end was tied to a book, this helped me to bring down a branch to get jambours or mangoes?

"You seem to bear a charm ed life," chirpped Rutty

"Proceed, said Behram who was now much interested in the outcome of the story

"My cousin slipped the knot over the cobra's head Then we simultaneously pulled Slowh we both slipped down, the cobia hurtling after us. The four ayahs who accompanied us broke the cobra's back with

"Your cousin and servants all! picked up a handful of earth had a hand in cruelty Why and asked me, 'Can you put had you alone to pay?" asked Rutty

'Heaven knows," Jehangir mforted Rutty replied The sadhu after hear-The idea of throwing away ing this said, Wanton cruelty! He added You should stop wormwood to me Seeing my drinking too The other day after the polo tournament when timued kindly. Son the other His Highness of offered you a glass of orange juice you told the prince that you'd pre-After sipping a coffee fer champagne, He made me le langue continued "I asked vow that thenceforth I'd never

"Indeed, you've kept your word," said Rutty.

"Have you finished your cobra's curse will blight your sentence of thirty years?" in

"Ten years ago."
"And the curse?" asked Rutty

It has ruined my life "But it was either my life or lonely and unhappy. A Judas kiss .. A broken up marriage Years of struggle.

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"Mackenna's Gold"

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from air and ground That is a tribute to Joseph Macdonald's technical competence Apait from Gregory Peck as the marshal, with his characteristic mannerisms, the east includes Omar Sharf as the one who has joined the Apaches and miposes on Peck to lead lum to the gold We found, however, his villam's role a trifle effermate, just as we found the goings on a trifle taring, save as we said the iant camera work

"Sweet Charity"

This is a picture with Shulev MacLame and for herself, in Technicolor and Panavision-no place left for any others, not fuge. The blurbs claim the pieture as human and as family on Newman in the lead and Fre-different characters facing the tertainment. Entertainment it is due March we don't know why situation and their reactions are THIS is really about the Apts of its genre, and of course hus The theme is the trite one of finely etched. Of course Newsthes' fabled gold and not man in the efforts of a daneing hatred for the Apaches, the lat- man pays with his life in saving Mackenna's, which the former hall hostess kicking at the traces ters own savagery and lawless- the others. Photography and Fre bent on safeguarding from to get out of that label and life ness, and the assertion of human technical values are of a high the white man's predatory hands. More than its musical leavening values against larger and precorder but all said and done this What is of interest is not whealth and the mod dance interlude judices. Newman has his role is a variation of a Western one ther there really was gold or what pleases of course is Shuley cut out as the protector of too many. rot, nor the long and slow en-MacLame's consistently good counters between Peck on seting as the innocent abroad the one band and the Apa. There isn't much to the story ches on the other. The pic-except the contretemps she runs ture is more noteworthy for its into right from the start in spite camerawork which splendidly of which she lands an equable captures the invitad-hued and partner, and is sung out of the tagged canyon wastelands, both dance hall



Shirley MacLaine



Paul Neuman

"Hombie"

One of the two Apache films cd even for Ricardo Montalban of the week, this one is about the Apaches who make a bid as the actor who gives her re- the troublous days of the stage for the money one of them coach, with the old hand Piul is carrying and his wife. The

the disparate group abmushm the stage coach by

FESTIVAL FILMS

"Iurtzenka" (Spain)

A Spanish director, Jaime Cammo lumself a pianist has made this film about Chopin (played by an Englishman with a Chopin face) and George Sand (played by an Italian set tled m Spam) It is dubbed in Spanish, and we have lots of coughing blood on handker- view, made as it by Dovzhenko's chects and furious composing by widow and we, like everyone Chopm when he should be make else, have so much respect for mg love to George Sand who the departed master. But it is finally tells him exactly what she thinks of his love-making a sentimental not too subtle, If Chopin is very much the desi heavy film about the good Rusfillum hero. George, Sand, be-sruss and the bad Germans and youd smoking a cigar and wear- a gul who smells of fresh-inown ing frilly bell-bottoms is not grass and a boy who smells of very much like the maily wo- circumber (or so they tell each man who loved Chopin and other). The technique is about others (not always men) so fierce- 20 years too old, and we can ly But there is lots of Chopin's only hepe that the camerawork music, some lovely interiors and looked better in 79 mm in which exteriors rather incely shot in this film was shot. But since it photogenie Majorca

how on earth this film got the best actors and actresss award at all, we are sorry we are not in a position to enlighten them

"Unforgettable" (USSR)

An embarrassing film to re-And if was shown in 35 mm and withpeople have started wondering out sub-title don't blame us

"Bruno" (Belgum)

This much talked of film deals with a sentient social situation Sicol and Michel Fauvel find then diverce proceedings stalled by the processing of documents. They have a precocious twelveyear-old son Bruno, who reads Playboy' uid does not take his school seriously. It is in the mesorable stage of the divorce that the mother realizes that deteriorating family-life has made the child's breeding untelectous sque mush and siel ly. She thinks the father could preside adequate guidance and asks him to look after the child Father and son spend a week-end at Bruges and the frequent meet aches

translates this delicate theme to her hearth and home to join a celluloid images with the mini-revolutionary youth. Then fight mum of enematic labours. But against dictatorship is marked for the gushing picturisation of by the full glow of idealism a few scenes in which the box meets his father, the director refuses to use the camera formalistically. On the other hand, the use of light and shade seemed fought for, so the struggle is to ordinate with the atmosphere this the youth is killed and bucia logue-oriented. Moreover, the found values are now and then and the moed. The boy actor is left lovely and helpless. This pace and sense of suspense that made to look silks before the having given such a mature per- sequence is imbued with tenderformance, with better emematic ness and is acted well treatment, Bruno' could have been a minor masterpiece

"Lucia" (Cuba)

This is not just one film, but a virtually

not only from imperialism and despotism of the past but from unduc restraint placed by men in the present The film, in black and white is lengthy and is tedious at places, but by and large is human, particularly in its middle bit. The first Lucia is a silly aristocial of the 1860's falling toolishly for a Spannard who not only deceives her but makes use of her love for track ing down and destroying the resisters among whom is her brother, in the far away coffee Ho break with plantations convention in protesting her love to the decerful Spaniard thereupon turns into rage and she kills lam

The next sequence in the mgs between the parents there 1930s when the Machado dictaallow Bruno a few glimpses of torship was brought down, folfamily life. Michel Fanvel wakes, lowed by the establishment of up to the situation and breaks the Batista rule, is definitely the atmosphere of veiled repro- more gripping the Lucia of this sequence being a middle class Director Louis Grospicine gnl who leaves the protection of They are however, disillusion ed by the new regime which is only a substitute" burcauciacy for the old and not what they too contrived and has to co- be taken up all over again. In

The next Lucia of the 60 s is the one grap pling with the problem of mile domination. Her icalous and uxorious husband keeps heimprisoned at home themselves under the Revolution. Her struggle against this domi- saw from Rumania in our 1965 sincerity of approach



"I hate the blackun

for him and how the village Perhaps they faney historicals progressives help her fight back and that too as a spectacle, as is the theme. The "messages" an assertion of their individual are helpfully confined to the ity recalling the stout defence or songs and the of the two unfolds without too ation or domination. This posmany jerks.

there is the little gul Lucia of photography, particularly out, of the next generation chuck-doors, and its acting, and with

"Mi Nobody" (Bulgaria)

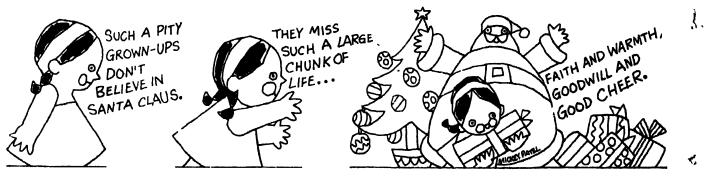
Two men cross the border into habitants, the Dacians, resisted cheekmate the moves of four defence against the "barbarians" foreign agents. Unlike other spy from faither east thullers, 'Mr Nobody is diavev it are also ibsent

"The Column" (Rumania)

nation in spite of her fondness Festival was also a historical love-hite story then forefathers against subjug sible raisen detre apart, the film But the end is not yet and is straight cmema, good in its ling as she witnesses this fight horse hoofs and battle sound. filling the sound tracks, without any avant garde or neo-realist propensities. The time and This is an unsophisticated de- action are set in the second cen tective film and is feeble at that tury AD when the original in Bulgaria illegally. The film de-submergence by the might of velops into the efforts of a Bul- Rome and yet saw the mingline garan intelligence officer, the of the two civilizations in the central character of the film to- both of the country, and in its

The Romans with their neware warranted as ingredients of sturdy commonsense of the $\mathbf{D}_{i,k}$ such dramer, no matter how crans The story of resistance to post Revolution many werds are spoken to con- the Roman advances to the far thest outpests, the determination of the last-ditch fighters not to be vanguished, their hard and tough existence, the interwover A historical in colour and of slice of romance are all done in trilogy the stated purpose being resisting even the light of de Mille-esque proportions. If familiar Holliwoodian style, but to show women are emancipating literacy from dawning on her we remember right, what we the film is marked by its patent





"Red and Gold" (Poland)

modern themes particularly patient wife and attempts to try concerning the manifestation of truth for the human being

This drama of truth makes use of religious metaphors, like Bartier, to touch modern life hidden from the viewer, louck We are introduced to the epitome of the solitary man, a gamp who is mostly silent and Stherwise joyful His destination SO Richard Burton has been is a suburban town which the provoked in the township till the self-right and left these days

late Ignatius's associate at an old folks home, who thought Can one man live as another? it would have been better for he question concerns several Ignatius to have returned to his an idea out-we are brought to Barbara's choice, for her he is both Ignatius and not Ignatius So she marties him being, as is

"Dr Faustus" (USA)

tempted too, and in this, one voung desert for the working of his own films directed and week to go to their schools and acted (title role, of course) by factories. And in that suburban himself, he comes a sad cropown he goes to the house of an per Going down to Oxford and ld lady Barbara and claims to performing with the boys and e her husband who has not guls of the Oxford Dramatic Sobeen heard of for forty years ciety for charity is one thing now and is presumed to have But making it into a film is ano allen unknown at Verdun in the ther. As a film it is nothing First World War It is difficult short of amateurish And while to say and Director Stanislaw the supporting east of students Grochowiak does not wish it to does its best and had some exbe else that the old woman has cuse for not being top profes-not been waiting for her hus sionals, Elizabeth Taylor cernot been waiting for her hus sionals, Elizabeth Taylor cerbands return She is suspicious tainly does not. She is quite of the tramp's bonatides but dreadful and we hope we will soon accepts him impetuously be spared the sort of eccentric against the gossip and scandal role in which she is casting her-



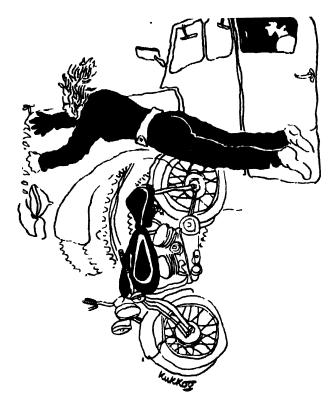
Richard Burton, Elizabeth Taylor ("D: Faustus")

claimant confronts the dubious friends of Ignatius

The film has been conceived

"Time To Live" (GDR)

This was one of the weakest subtly. The town is alive and films in the Festival, even the silent as towns are to sensitive feeble bedroom scene being so eyes The old, who inhabit the feeble as to leave even the most town by thenselves for most of sex-minded ticket buyer cold the week, are perceptively Why Indian audiences, or any sketched Emotions, on the other audiences, should want to know hand, are more abstrusely con- about the finer points of runveyed Imperceptibly Barbara ning a local factory in East cultivates an affection for the Germany is a question difficult man who claums to be her hus- enough to answer Why it band. When the tramp is reveal-should take so long, and bring in to be not Ignatius, but the a melodramatic situation of a



"Gul on the motor cycle"

dying man running the factory. It is the story of a teenage gul till his last breath is also a po- who falls for a great lover who is ser. The East. Germans who brooding over his lost first love sent very good films to the last of course, and has no use except festival, as they have often done for her body. The herome leaves to our film societies, should re- her husband at dawn and tears ally have done better than this through a lovely countryside to

(France)

ago-of a motor bike being a sex deems—the pornography—The symbol. It is psychedelic pointo-final sequence—of the fredzied ed, with the erotic sequences up in the grash is impressive, at once heightened and "toned but the film as a whole fails to down" by a notous pulchritude move

"The Girl on the Motor-cycle" get back to her denon lover En route, she recalls in several flashbacks her first "encounter, and A film with British direction the second and the, third, et', (Jack Cardiff) and cast but al Breath-taking as the landwith a continential milieu scape is in its several moods, that treats of an old ch-heady as the phantasmago-che-revived by the mods and na of colour is, the highfaluthe rockers' craze of a few years tim of the theme never quite regraphy, brilliantly photograph- imagination of the girl that ends



"Tune to luc"

"Forbidden Ground" (Hungary)

Perhaps because Hungarians have a ver for logic, many Hungarian films resemble a dialectical argument, bidden Ground is the story of an investigation into a fire ina plastic works in Budapest It is, therefore, no surprise that the principal character is the District Attorney himself, who provides what is the revelation of a sad fact for Hungarian put the blame on somebody or society. It would not be farfetched to say that his revelation is meaningful to any so acting to possible condem-city that is working for economic advance. As at turns out the plastic works caught fire because some very investigator, who presents the bothersome, though strict rules social picture as each person in operating a modern machine connected to the tragedy is were not followed These rules mittored before his investi-were laid down because the gating ever. The fear develops cooling-system accessory to the that it is Kis whom the rack

min who knows the machine turn rouses Kis's fratermity best. As Hoffer says bluntly, the investigation will try to the other In this case it can be either Hoffer or Kis. The film studies these two men re-

It is the balanced eye of the It is the honesty by which peo- marital love The film is shot in natural ple live, which affects their light. The opening scene, reactions to the mexorable prosposing a lift-operator, an cess of the investigation. The producer of feature films How-beauty is certainly a discovery

m the lift between the floors man who has completely for attempts by novices are by no when the electric current gotten the hardship of running means aniateur.

breaks off due to the fite at a modern and automatic ma- A middle-aged professor of

justified rules and arrest the she and her lover are united 's two workers That the attorney is compelled is obvious

"My Love in Jerusalem" (Israel)

aging woman, who is caught chief engineer is shown as a ever, this film asserts that all I

the factory, is a perfect scene chine and who takes Kis's pro- Chemistry finds it increasingly of dread. This dread transfuses tests about the working condi-intolerable to live with his wife. Hofter, the team-leader tions to be no more than grumbl- He wants her to cook the food under whom the machine ing It is Hoffer's honesty that and arrange the house, while caught fire, and to Kis, the makes him stand with Kis in she is interested in new fashions former team-leader and the moments of crises, which in and han-styles. A divorce is agreed upon, but has as a prelude the professors infatuation.

It is only at the end of the for a bashful and buxom young film that the illusion, that no- girl who craves for love but is body had died in the industrial inhibited by her features and her tragedy, is revealed as an virginity Her inhibitions graduillusion, and this death compels ally give way to compulsive the District Attorney to stand emotions, but a great deal hap by the harsh and humanly un-pens as a dictate of fate before

In the hands of a less balanc-" ed director, the film could have degenerated into sheer melo-y drama A pervasive restraction gives us a simple but endished production Though some sequ-This is a simple and tender circles are more lengthy than machine could not be bought will tighten on But as is reduction as shortage of foreign-currency funds and because industrial improvisation had to be hazarded

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This is a simple and tender tree are more lengthy than the forey about a love-triangle its required, the overall impact distinction from the love triangle of the film undoes the occapional flaw, and it becomes the production and in the fact is he who represents honesty by which page. is apt and flows like a subterranean spring The actiess, Le-Israel has a short history as vana Finkelstein, though not a

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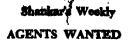
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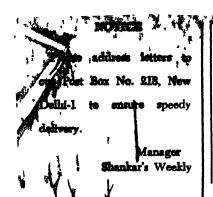
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